

Generation gap divides troops on gays in military

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — If you want to know what a member of the armed forces thinks about repealing “don’t ask, don’t tell,” you could start by asking how old they are.

Generational differences appear to play a prominent role in whether soldiers, airmen, Marines and sailors are worried about repealing the policy that has barred gays from serving openly since 1993 but faces a possible court-ordered end. Generation may also influence how a change is implemented, if the courts or Congress ultimately lift the ban.

“Younger soldiers wouldn’t have a problem with it, but older soldiers are the ones that enforce Army regulations,” noted Jason Ashley, 43, a former Army first sergeant who served with the 101st Airborne Division based at Fort Campbell, Ky.

There is no comprehensive survey of military-wide views of gays in the ranks — yet. The Pentagon is set to release a study of the issue in December after questioning 400,000 service members and 150,000 relatives, an effort ordered by Defense Secretary Robert Gates to determine how to repeal the policy without hurting the military. Officials familiar with its findings told The Associated Press this week that the survey found most U.S. troops and their families don’t care whether gays serve openly and think “don’t ask, don’t tell” could be done away with. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the results of the survey have not been released.

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Bomb plot just narrowly averted



A UPS jet sits at the cargo terminal at Dulles International Airport on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010 in Chantilly, Va. Law enforcement officials are investigating reports of suspicious packages on cargo planes in Philadelphia and Newark, N.J. The discovery of U.S.-bound mail bombs on cargo planes in England and Dubai reveals the danger posed by air shipping, which is governed by a patchwork of inconsistent controls that make packages a potential threat even to passenger jets, experts said Saturday.

WASHINGTON — The mail bomb plot stretching from Yemen to Chicago may have been aimed at blowing up planes in flight and was only narrowly averted, officials said Sunday, acknowledging that one device almost slipped through Britain and another seized in Dubai was unwittingly flown on two passenger jets.

Senior U.S. officials met to develop a U.S. response to the al-Qaida faction linked to the powerful explosives addressed to synagogues in Chicago.

Investigators were still piecing together the potency and construction of two bombs they believed were designed by the top explosives expert working for al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, the Yemen-based militant faction thought to be behind the plot. Yemeni authorities hunted suspects linked to the group, but released a female computer engineering student arrested Saturday, saying someone else had posed as her in signing the shipping documents.

But authorities admitted how close the terrorists came to getting their bombs through, and a senior U.S. official said investigators were still trying to figure out if other devices remained at large.

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Gitmo former ‘child soldier’ sentenced to 8 years

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GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba (AP) —

A judge sentenced a former teenage al-Qaida fighter Sunday to eight more years in custody, bound by a plea agreement that compelled him to ignore a military jury that said he should serve 40 years for war crimes that included the killing of an American soldier.

Omar Khadr’s sentencing brings to an end a case that attracted intense scrutiny and criticism because the Canadian prisoner was 15 when he was captured, badly wounded after a fierce firefight at an al-Qaida compound in Afghanistan in 2002.

Khadr stared straight ahead and appeared relaxed as the judge read a sentence that calls for him to stay one more year in Guantanamo before he can ask the Canadian government to allow him to return to his homeland to serve the remainder of his sentence or seek early release on parole. He has been held eight years at Guantanamo but doesn’t get credit for time served. The jury of military officers deliberated nearly nine hours over two days and had not been told that a sealed plea deal would mean that their decision would be largely symbolic.

Military prosecutors, who had portrayed the now 24-year-old Khadr as a dangerous terrorist, had asked the seven-member jury for a sentence of 25 years — and the accused could have received up to life in prison if convicted of even one of the five war crimes counts against him.

Navy Capt. John F. Murphy, the chief military prosecutor, said the plea deal included a provision that Khadr cannot appeal, eliminating the possibility of a reversal or even more time being spent on a case that has been winding its way through the Guantanamo tribunals since 2004.

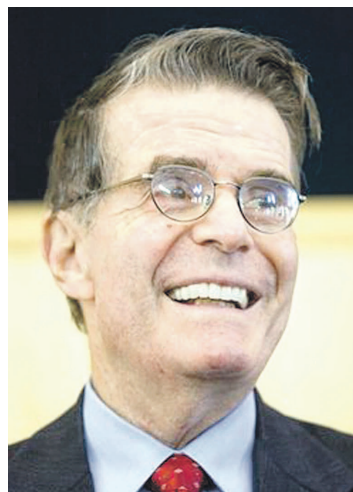
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In this photo of a sketch by courtroom artist Janet Hamlin and reviewed by the U.S. Department of Defense, Canadian detainee Omar Khadr listens the taped testimony of Navy Capt. Patrick McCarthy, the former top military legal adviser at the detention center, played upon request by the military jury right before they announced their verdict, near the end of his sentence trial at Camp Justice, in Guantanamo Bay U.S. Naval Base, Cuba, Sunday Oct. 31, 2010. Khadr, a former teenage al-Qaida fighter, was sentenced Sunday to eight more years in custody under the terms of a plea agreement unsealed after a military sentencing jury said he should serve 40 years for war crimes.

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Theodore Sorensen, top JFK aide, dies at 82 in NY



By VERENA DOBNIK

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NEW YORK – Theodore C. Sorensen, the studious, star-struck aide and alter ego to President John F. Kennedy whose crisp, poetic turns of phrase helped idealize and immortalize a tragically brief administration, died Sunday. He was 82.

He died at noon at Manhattan's New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center from complications of a stroke,

his widow, Gillian Sorensen, said.

Sorensen had been in poor health in recent years and a stroke in 2001 left him with such poor eyesight that he was unable to write his memoir, "Counselor," published in 2008. Instead, he had to dictate it to an assistant.

President Barack Obama issued a statement saying he was saddened to learn of Sorensen's death.

"I know his legacy will live on in the words he wrote, the causes he advanced, and the hearts of anyone who is inspired by the promise of a new frontier," Obama said. Hours after his death, Gillian Sorensen told The Associated Press that although a first stroke nine years ago robbed him of much of his sight, "he managed to get back up and going." She said he continued to give speeches and traveled, and just two weeks ago, he collaborated on the lyrics

to music to be performed in January at the Kennedy Center in Washington — a symphony commemorating a half-century since Kennedy took office.

"I can really say he lived to be 82 and he lived to the fullest and to the last — with vigor and pleasure and engagement," said Gillian Sorensen, who was at his side to the last. "His mind, his memory, his speech were unaffected."

Her husband was hospitalized Oct. 22 after a second stroke that was "devastating," she said. Of the courtiers to Camelot's king, special counsel Sorensen ranked just below Kennedy's brother Bobby. He was the adoring, tireless speechwriter and confidant to a president whose term was marked by Cold War struggles, growing civil rights strife and the beginnings of the U.S. intervention in Vietnam.

Some of Kennedy's most memorable speeches, from his inaugural address to his vow to place a man on the moon, resulted from such close collaborations with Sorensen that scholars debated who wrote what. He had long been suspected as the real writer of the future president's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Profiles in Courage," an allegation Sorensen and the Kennedys emphatically — and litigiously — denied. They were an odd, but utterly compatible duo, the glamorous, wealthy politician from Massachusetts and the shy wordsmith from Nebraska, described by Time magazine in 1960 as "a sober, deadly earnest, self-effacing man with a blue steel brain." But as Sorensen would write in "Counselor," the difference in their lifestyles was offset by the closeness of their minds: Each had a wry sense of humor, a dislike of

hypocrisy, a love of books and a high-minded regard for public life.

Kennedy called him "my intellectual blood bank" and the press frequently referred to Sorensen as Kennedy's "ghostwriter," especially after the release of "Profiles in Courage." Presidential secretary Evelyn Lincoln saw it another way: "Ted was really more shadow than ghost, in the sense that he was never really very far from Kennedy."

Sorensen's brain of steel was never needed more than in October 1962, with the U.S. and the Soviet Union on the brink of nuclear annihilation over the placement of Soviet missiles in Cuba. Kennedy directed Sorensen and Bobby Kennedy, the administration's attorney general, to draft a letter to Nikita Khrushchev, who had sent conflicting messages, first conciliatory, then confrontational. □




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Shuttle leak repairs good, launch on for Wednesday

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — After a two-day delay, NASA's countdown clocks began ticking Sunday toward the final launch of space shuttle Discovery. A pair of gas leaks resulted in back-to-back launch postponements for Discovery. NASA test director Steve Payne said repairs took care of the problem and

enabled the launch team to aim for a Wednesday liftoff. Forecasters put the odds of good weather at 70 percent for the 3:52 p.m. liftoff. Discovery is making its last trip to orbit. Its destination is the International Space Station. Aboard the shuttle is a pressurized compartment full of supplies — even a futuristic robot — that will remain permanently at the station.

The mission will last 11 days and feature two spacewalks. This will be the 39th flight in 26 years for Discovery, NASA's oldest surviving shuttle and the fleet leader. "She's been an incredible vehicle, and she caps a long and distinguished career with this particular flight," Payne told reporters. "She's always amazed us with everything that she can do. We expect this



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Details on the findings were still scarce. But in conversations with troops and veterans, the idea repeatedly emerges that younger recruits, who make up the bulk of combat troops in Afghanistan and Iraq, are indifferent while older ones, including many officers, don't want the ban lifted.

Many veterans of the current wars use terms like "archaic" and "old-school" to describe the viewpoint they see from higher-ranking officers and others who support the ban.

"You can't expect a 60-year-old colonel who was reared in the 1950s to have the same opinion about homosexuality as a soldier who was reared in the 1990s," said Abel Trevino, who served in the Army from 2003 to 2008, including two tours in Iraq, before returning to civilian life and enrolling at the University of Washington.

Some say that despite the ban, they knew they were serving with gay soldiers. But the topic was simply not discussed and rarely created a problem.

Justin Little, 30, is a National Guard medic who asked that his unit not be identified, because he serves with a gay soldier.

"We keep it to ourselves, because of the current policies, of course, and conceal it from new recruits that we get in our platoon from time to time until we can be confident in how they'd react," Little said.

Lance Shults, 25, a master at arms at Naval Base San Diego, said he was in boot camp with gay men and women, and that serving alongside them isn't a concern. Shults believes his attitude is common among younger members of the military, who have grown up with portrayals of gays in the media and who may be likelier to have openly gay friends or relatives than older officers and enlistees.

"The older generation grew up with a phobia and a stigma and stereotype," he says. "Younger people have been around it longer than older people have. You hear about them in the news, you have gay or lesbian friends. It's not a big deal." But some veterans say those who support the repeal of the policy don't understand the impact of reversing the rules in a volunteer military force that's currently engaged in two wars. Joe Davis, spokesman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which opposes a repeal, said he thinks older and higher-ranking soldiers and veterans have a more pragmatic view on the issue and its effects on deployments, housing and benefits. Leaders have to consider how even a small change can have ripple effects from the division down to the squad level, he said.

"When you are junior in rank, you have a micro view of the military because it's you and a small unit and you're being told what to do," he said. "When you are senior in rank, you have a macro view because you are in charge of people." □

flight should be no different." Discovery was supposed to blast off Monday but was sidelined by small leaks in the helium and nitrogen gas lines at the back of the spaceship. Technicians and engineers spent the past few days replacing suspect parts and testing the patched system. "That is behind us now,"

Payne said.

Only one other shuttle launch remains on NASA's official schedule, in late February. That will end 30 years of shuttle flight unless money is forthcoming for an extra mission. The Obama administration wants NASA to focus on the next set of exploration vehicles. □

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Chicago Jewish groups on alert for odd packages



Emergency personnel work near a grounded UPS cargo jet as the plane is searched by law enforcement officials at Philadelphia International Airport October 29, 2010. Two suspicious packages being flown from Yemen to the United States were found in Britain and Dubai on Friday after a tip prompted authorities to search cargo planes on both sides of the Atlantic. The packages spurred searches and investigations of jets arriving at New York's JFK Airport, Newark International Airport in New Jersey and the airport in Philadelphia. Authorities are investigating reports the parcels were bound for a synagogue and Jewish community center in Chicago.

By CARLA K. JOHNSON

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Leaders of Jewish institutions in Chicago put their staffs on alert Friday following the overseas discovery of U.S.-bound packages aboard cargo jets that contained explosives.

President Barack Obama said authorities had uncovered a "credible terrorist threat" against the United States and that two packages had been addressed to Jewish places of worship in the Chicago area. Chicago FBI spokesman Ross

Rice said in a statement that all churches, synagogues and mosques in the area should be vigilant.

Authorities did not say which places were targeted and none have confirmed being told the packages were addressed to them.

"There's certainly cause for concern," said Dan Elbaum, regional director of the American Jewish Committee Chicago, an office of the global Jewish advocacy group. "These things do happen from time to time. Horrible

acts have happened at Jewish institutions across the country and across the world so you need to be vigilant."

The first word came to many Chicago synagogues and Jewish groups Friday morning. Security precautions are nothing new to many Jewish organizations, so many simply reminded their employees of current practices.

Rabbi Michael Siegel of Chicago's Anshe Emet synagogue told the Chicago Tribune the congregation will not accept UPS packages until "we know the danger has passed." Siegel told the newspaper his synagogue updated its security after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in 2001, including hiring off-duty police officers to monitor the building.

"Honestly, we are maintaining the existing level of vigilance," said Richard Hirschhaut, executive director of the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center in Skokie. "This is

a secure facility and we are always cognizant of ensuring the safety of our visitors, employees and volunteers."

Hirschhaut said he learned about the packages through "a cascade" of news media alerts and e-mails. He had his director of security, a retired FBI agent, look into it. He learned that "the two institutions that were targeted were appropriately briefed by law enforcement officials," Hirschhaut said.

An official at the Chicago office of the Anti-Defamation League, David Schneider, said the office was alerted by the FBI on Friday morning to take precautions. The FBI specifically included warnings to keep an eye out for suspicious packages arriving by mail.

Jewish groups have dealt with threats before, he said, so there was a procedure in place to get word out to league members around the country.

"We've long known the Jewish community has been

the subject of threats. ... But I wouldn't say we're taking it in stride," he said. "It's something that's of concern."

He added that there were no recommendations that Jewish groups should cancel any events.

The Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago advised local synagogues to take precautions after being notified about the situation, said Linda Haase, the federation's associate vice president. Haase declined to say who notified the federation or specifically what the group was told.

Elbaum said Chicago staffers of the American Jewish Committee have been told not to open suspicious packages, but instead to isolate and contain them and to notify law enforcement.

He said he contacted people he personally knows in law enforcement but wasn't able to learn anything specific about which institutions were targeted. □

BOMB PLOT

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"We're trying to get a better handle on what else may be out there," deputy national security adviser John Brennan told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday. "We're trying to understand better what we may be facing." He told CNN's "State of the Union" that "it would be very imprudent ... to presume that there are no others (packages) out there."

Brennan said authorities are "looking at the potential that they would have been detonated en route to those synagogues aboard the aircraft as well as at the destinations. But at this point we, I think, would agree with the British that it looks as though they were designed to be detonated in flight." He made those remarks on CBS' "Face the Nation."

British Prime Minister David Cameron had raised the possibility the bombs were aimed at blowing up the planes carrying them, but Brennan and other officials had previously concentrated more on the threat to the American synagogues.

One of the explosive devices found inside a shipped printer cartridge in Dubai had flown on two airlines before it was seized, first on a Qatar Airways Airbus A320 jet to Doha and then on an as-yet-undisclosed flight from Doha to Dubai. The number of passengers on the flights were unknown, but the first flight had a 144-seat capacity and the second would have moved on one of a variety of planes with seating capacities ranging from 144 to 335.

Such a plot aimed at blowing up jets in flight is not new for al-Qaida. A mid-1990s scheme hatched by now-imprisoned terrorist

mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed aimed to bring down a dozen jets simultaneously, but the plan was shelved in favor of the "flying bomb" approach used during the 9/11 attacks. After masterminding the attempt last December to blow up a U.S.-bound airliner with explosives hidden in a passenger's underwear, the Yemen terror affiliate appears to have nearly pulled off its own audacious plot capitalizing on weak points in the world's aviation security and cargo systems.

The U.S. has tried in the past to kill or capture the group's leaders, but the American response to the thwarted attacks was still being developed Sunday. Brennan headed a meeting of national security and intelligence officials at the White House to determine the U.S. response in concert with a Yemeni government that has been reluctant to give free rein to the American military in taking on the militants.

About 50 elite U.S. military experts are in Yemen training its counterterrorism forces and Washington is giving \$150 million in military assistance to Yemen this year for helicopters, planes and other equipment.

A Yemeni official said Sunday his government is aiming for a "surgical" response with the help of the U.S. against the cell that carried out the plot. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks. As the two countries decide a course of action, new details have emerged about the events leading up to the near-disaster. U.S. officials said a call from Saudi intelligence with information about packages containing explosives led to a frantic search in Dubai and England. □



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Obama agenda faces prospect of more GOP senators

By CHARLES BABINGTON,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democrats' Senate majority faces a midterm shrinkage Tuesday, a further complication for President Barack Obama's agenda, even if Republicans fall short of seizing control of the 100-member chamber. Republicans must pick up 10 seats to regain the majority they lost four years ago. Analysts in both parties consider that a tough task. The GOP would have to win every toss-up race, plus score upsets in California, Washington or perhaps Connecticut; Obama coasted in those states in 2008. Republicans seem almost certain to pick up Senate seats in North Dakota and Indiana — where veteran Democrats are retiring — and in Arkansas, where two-term Sen. Blanche Lincoln consistently has trailed Republican John Boozman in polls. Obama lost Arkansas by 20 percentage points in 2008. These races could have long-term implications because Democrats may have trouble retaking those Senate seats six years and 12 years from now. Democrats privately acknowledge they have slim chances of winning any GOP-held seats this year, despite earlier hopes in Ohio, New Hampshire, Missouri and Kentucky. Republicans are reveling in their good fortunes. "At the start of this election cycle, most political experts were predicting additional gains in the Senate by the Democrats," said GOP spokesman Brian Walsh. The opposite is true now. Leaders in both parties say

four fiercely contested races could go either way: Nevada, Colorado, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

Nevada has gotten the most national attention. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's popularity has sagged lately, and he seemed almost doomed a year ago. But Republicans nominated tea party favorite Sharron Angle, a relative newcomer whose inexperience and libertarian views have raised eyebrows.

An Angle triumph would mark the second time in six years that the Senate's Democratic leader lost a re-election bid amid charges that he became too focused on Washington. Tom Daschle of South Dakota fell victim in 2004.

Another tea party favorite, Ken Buck, is running a strong race in Colorado against Democratic Sen. Michael Bennet. Bennet was appointed to the seat, and is running his first campaign, which has impressed political pros in both parties. The race to fill the open Illinois Senate seat once held by Obama has an unusually large number of undecided voters in the final days, perhaps reflecting both nominees' flaws. Republican Rep. Mark Kirk, a five-term House member, has struggled to overcome false statements he made about his military record.

Democrat Alexi Giannoulias, the state treasurer, has had to answer questions about ethical and legal questions surrounding his family's failed Chicago bank. Obama made a final weekend appearance with Giannoulias in Chicago.

In Pennsylvania, Democratic Rep. Joe Sestak defied his party's establishment by beating Republican-turned-Democratic Sen. Arlen Specter in the Senate primary. The GOP nominee is Pat Toomey, who advocates steep tax cuts and less regulation for businesses. Of the four on-the-bubble Senate races, Republicans feel most optimistic about Pennsylvania. □

The biggest wild card entering the campaign's final hours is Alaska, where a tumultuous three-way race conceivably could fall to Democrat Scott McAdams. Republican Sen. Lisa Murkowski is trying to keep her seat with a write-in campaign after losing the GOP primary to tea party newcomer Joe Miller, who has stumbled in recent weeks. Otherwise, the chief focus is on eight Democratic-held Senate seats that have been sharply contested for months. Polls suggest that after Lincoln, the most imperiled Democratic senator is Russ Feingold of Wisconsin. The three-term senator, best known for revising campaign finance laws, was not seen as particularly vulnerable a few months ago.

But Republican challenger Ron Johnson, a political newcomer, turned Feingold's seniority against him in this season of antiestablishment fervor. His well-run campaign, coupled with Wisconsin's sluggish economy, have put Feingold in a hole.

If Democrats are deeply worried about Feingold, Republicans similarly feel that a once-promising chance



may be slipping away in West Virginia, for the seat long held by the late Robert Byrd. The Democratic nominee, Gov. Joe Manchin, is popular. His state voted heavily against Obama, however, and the president's approval ratings there remain low.

Republican nominee John Raese has tried to tie Manchin tightly to Obama. But revelations that Raese's wife lives and votes in Florida, plus a GOP TV ad production that sought "hicky" actors to portray West Virginia voters, seem to have taken a toll. Republican chances are dimmer against veteran senators in California and Washington.

Three-term Sen. Barbara Boxer of California faces Republican former business executive Carly Fiorina, who says Boxer is too liberal and too steeped in Washington for the times.

In Washington state, three-term Sen. Patty Murray is trying to hold off Republican Dino Rossi, a former state senator who made two unsuccessful bids for governor.

GOP officials say their nominees trail in those two

states, but an upset is possible. Regardless how these races turn out, the Senate will see several new members. Republicans expected to win include Boozman of Arkansas, Marco Rubio of Florida, Rand Paul of Kentucky, Jerry Moran of Kansas, John Hoeven of North Dakota, Roy Blunt of Missouri, Rob Portman of Ohio, Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, Mike Lee of Utah and Dan Coats of Indiana (who was a senator from 1988 to 1999).

New Democrats are likely to be Chris Coons of Delaware and Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut.

Wins by Buck, Angle, Fiorina or Rossi would expand the freshman class. Illinois, Pennsylvania and West Virginia will send rookies, no matter who wins there.

In Alaska, tea partier Miller seemed poised to join that group after stunning Murkowski in the GOP primary. But a series of gaffes and negative reports about his background sent Miller reeling. Murkowski hopes to become the second person to be elected to the Senate through write-in votes, after Strom Thurmond in 1954. □

Soldiers say work helped after Fort Hood shootings

By TODD RICHMOND,
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — For nearly a year in Afghanistan, a tightly knit Army Reserve unit kept the memories of their comrades killed during a shooting rampage Fort Hood close. But not too close.

The Madison-based 467th Combat Stress Control Detachment wore black wrist bands and dedicated field clinics to their fallen friends. At the same, they poured themselves into their jobs, blocking out their grief by helping combat troops deal with theirs.

“It was a relief to be there (in Afghanistan),” Sgt. Kara Kortenkamp said Saturday. “We could sort of throw ourselves into that and focus on that and feel, in a way, normal again, to be working and be productive.”

The 467th, a unit filled with psychologists, social workers and therapists, arrived at the sprawling Texas Army base on Nov. 4, a day before police say Maj. Nidal Hasan shot 13 people at the base to death, including the 467th’s Maj. Libardo E. Caraveo, Sgt. Amy S. Krueger and Capt. Russell Seager, and wounded dozens more.

Weeks later, the 467th left for Afghanistan. The unit returned to the U.S. days ago and members filtered out to their homes states this weekend.

Kortenkamp, of La Crosse, Wis., appeared at a news

conference alongside other members of the 467th unit. Army public information officials barred them from talking about what happened during the Nov. 5 shootings, citing the pending court case against Hasan. He is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 attempted premeditated murder, and a military hearing to determine whether he will stand trial is to resume next month.

Shortly after the killings at Fort Hood, the Army provided unit members with chaplains and counselors and offered them the choice of whether to deploy. The unit’s commander, Maj. Laura Suttinger of Fort Atkinson, Wis., said in the end everyone chose to go.

“Throughout our deployment we were able to persist by helping each other along the way,” she said, her voice cracking. “We did all this in honor of our fallen and wounded comrades.”

Once in Afghanistan, 467th members talked about the shootings with each other and in the beginning the work gave them refuge.

“It was easy to delve into that and forget about the troubles that you left behind,” Suttinger said.

Unit members said they helped soldiers deal with combat stress as well as other problems ranging from issues between soldiers and their troubles at home. The unit also



Sgt. Kara Kortenkamp, right, Staff Sgt. Dick Hurtig and Maj. Laura Suttinger, left, all of the 467th Combat Stress Control Detachment, reflect on their return home during a press conference Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010, in Madison, Wis., after returning home from deployment in Afghanistan. Three soldiers were killed in their unit along with 10 others at Fort Hood, in Killeen, Texas, on Nov. 5, 2009, in a shooting rampage by suspect Maj. Nidal Hasan.

(AP Photo/Andy Manis)

taught classes on stress and anger management and improving sleep.

The pace of establishing outposts and setting up treatment programs was so intense no one had time to dwell on their grief, said Sgt. Dick Hurtig, but “there’s no way you can’t think about something like that.”

Everyone in the unit wore black wrist bands daily that were etched with the names of their three fallen comrades as well as the names of two soldiers killed at Fort Hood from another stress combat unit. The group dedicated three of its Afghanistan field clinics to Caraveo, Krueger and Seager and kept pictures of them on a memorial wall in the unit’s headquarters in Kandahar.

Hurtig and Kortenkamp said the shootings helped them understand their patients’ problems better, but they didn’t mention Fort Hood to soldiers seeking help unless they brought it up first.

“It wasn’t my turn to be in therapy,” Kortenkamp said. “It was for them.” □

Authorities lift fire evacuations in Colorado



BOULDER, Colo. — More than 1,700 people evacuated because of a wildfire west of Boulder are being allowed to return to their homes after firefighters worked through the night to stop the fire from spreading.

Calm winds and higher humidity helped keep the 144-acre fire from spreading overnight Saturday. It is now 70 percent contained.

Concerns about high winds spreading the flames prompted the evacuation of hundreds of people in the west part of Boulder and in the mountains west of the city when two fires started Friday. The fires then merged into one.

No buildings have burned. The blaze is near an area where a wildfire burned almost 10 square miles and 169 homes last month. □




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With dinner at Amazonia The 5th Annual Dr Bryson pediatric symposium concludes

PALM BEACH – For the fifth year in a row Dr. J. R. Rajnherc has organised the annual Dr. Bryson pediatric symposium. It all started when Dr. Bryson was retired, reaching age 65, yet up until then none of the medical specialists has ever been honored while still well and alive, for his/her contributions to this island's health and well-being. "For that reason," says Rajnherc, "I decided to organize the first conference titled the Dr Bryson Pediatric Symposium, in honor of the retired, most-loved and most-respected pediatrician." The subject of the first conference, Childhood Obesity, was new since it had not really been addressed before, among local health-care providers. Held at Cas di Cultura the symposium was open to professionals as well as the general public, and it turned out to be an enormous success with local and international speakers.

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La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club Celebrates Chinese New Year

JEAGLE BEACH -- The Engineering department orchestrated a much-enjoyed Themed Luncheon at the associates' cafeteria, celebrating Chinese New Year, reports Maritza Chomba Odor, Project and Administrative Coordinator. Errol the expert carpenter worked his magic to deliver a genuine rikshaw, Chinese water bucket carriers, and assorted paper

lanterns to help create a Chinese ambiance which was nicely paired with Chinese food for lunch.

As a matter of fact, the Engineering associates recreated the Flintstones and the Stone Age last year and this year took their peers on an exotic trip to the Far East.

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Spooktacular Halloween Party at Garufa



Oranjestad – Fans of the Ultra Lounge were delighted Halloween Night when Garufa put on a memorable party with some of the best costumes ever seen on the island. The entire cast of Alice in Wonderland including Alice, the Mad Hatter, and the mean Red Queen dropped in to show off their fabulousness and mingled with custom-made motorcycle maker Jesse James and American tattoo artist Kat von D, Iron Man, butterflies, ghosts, nuns, majorettes and clowns as the Tramp entertained with retro-music and the DJ spun his Latin magic.

Pictured here images from an unforgettable night, congratulations to the Red Queen on winning the costume parade and receiving the first prize, a weekend at Costa Linda Beach resort. What that you Georgie?! ☐





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The resort entrusts a different department each month, to help organize a themed luncheon for the associates.

The results are always surprising, fresh and creative, and are always appreciated by members of management and staff. ☐



The 5th Annual Dr Bryson pediatric symposium concludes



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After that first symposium Rajnherc received many requests to repeat the effort in the following year, and was encouraged to organise it again, only this time focusing on healthcare professionals. Since then, the symposium has become an annual event which everyone looks forward

too.

This year at the Marriott Aruba Resort more than 100 professionals came together on a Saturday. Themed "Something Old, Something New and Something Blue," the conference topics included hematology, pediatric

pediatric surgery, pediatric epidemiology, pediatric immunology and pediatric obesity with the opening ceremony graced by the presence of His Excellency the Minister of Health Dr Richard Visser.

On the program, Sickle Cell Crises with Dr. L. Rafael-Croes, Pediatrician, Aruba; Too Short, Too Tall with Dr. J. Rotteveel, Pediatric Endocrinologist, Amsterdam; Neonatal Screening with Dr I. Gerstenbluth, Clinical Epidemiologist, Curacao; ALTE with Dr .S. Lo-A-Njoe, Pediatric Cardiologist, Curacao, and after the lunch break Pediatric Surgery in Aruba with Dr A Ponson, Surgeon, Aruba; Vaccinations with Prof Dr J. Roord, Pediatrician, Amsterdam; Premature and Delayed Puberty with Dr J. Rotteveel, Pediatrician, Amsterdam and Childhood Obesity Update



with Prof Dr. M. Kessler, Pediatrician, Texas USA. At closing Dr J.R. Rajnherc explained he is stepping down from the organization yet the symposium will continue to take place as the torch has been passed to the younger generation.

"The organisation of this annual event," Rajnherc says, "has taken a very special place in my heart, as it is a great honor and pleasure to see so many of our colleagues coming together on a Saturday convening to gain new, additional knowledge how to care for kids. What started with a handful of people grew

to a good-size conference attracting participants from Curacao and Bonaire. It is an event that I am very proud of, with two speakers from the Netherlands from the Academic Hospital of the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam, two speaker from Curacao and one professor of pediatrics from Texas USA, as well as local specialists whom we are also very proud of," he concludes.

Pictured here wrapping up the event of the day at dinner at Amazonia Churrascaria, Dr. Bryson, Dr. J. R. Rajnherc and their fellow symposium-goers. □





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PALM BEACH – The recent PWC practical tax seminar, at the Hyatt Regency, informed more than 80 local business people regarding the fiscal impact of the new constitutional structure for the ABC islands.

The Dutch language seminar featured participants were Rachel Maduro, assistant tax manager PwC Aruba, Zuleika Lasten, tax director, PwC

Curacao, Professor Roland Brandsma, Head of Scientific Bureau, PwC Rotterdam, Suniel Pancham, senior tax manager PwC Rotterdam who is also a lecturer on fiscal law at the University of Nyenrode, and seminar host Hans Ruiter, tax partner PwC Aruba.

The audience appreciated the experts' remarks as well as Professor Roland Brandsma's sense of humor.

The educational session was fueled by delicious coffee, tea and cookies and chased by a much-enjoyed cocktail party in the tropical garden of the resort.

Rachel Maduro reports that the latest changes in taxation for the islands of Aruba, Curacao and Bonaire, are of great interest to the local business community, eager to also learn more about the



BES -- Bonaire, St. Eustatius and Saba -- legislation, since quite a number of Aruban companies have business interests on the island of Bonaire. □



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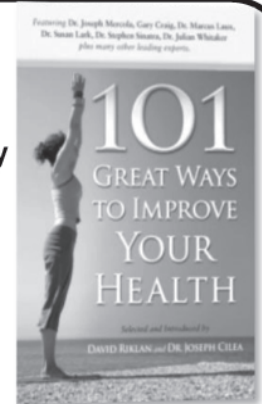
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A demonstrator talks to Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi, left, during a protest near St. Peter's square, in Rome, Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010. When Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi came to speak with organizers Sunday evening, a protester shouted "Shame, shame" in Italian, and Lombardi left, escorted by police.

NICOLE WINFIELD

Associated Press

ROME (AP) — Italian paramilitary police blocked a boulevard leading to the Vatican to prevent a march Sunday by some 100 survivors of clergy sex abuse from reaching St. Peter's Square, but later allowed two protesters to leave letters from the abused at the Holy See's doorstep.

The two also left a dozen stones near the obelisk in St. Peter's square to mark a symbolic path so other survivors might know they have company in their suffering.

The candlelit protest was the first significant demonstration in the shadow of the Vatican by people who had been raped and molested by priests as children, and organizers said it would be repeated until the Holy See takes decisive action to ensure children are safe.

"Today what began as quiet whispers are whispers no more," organizer Gary Bergeron told the crowd, which included about 55 deaf Italians from a notorious

Catholic institute for the deaf in Verona where dozens of students say they were sodomized by priests.

Organizers had tried to stage the march on Vatican soil but were forced to hold it nearby after the Holy See denied permission. It is standard Vatican practice to ban non-Vatican-sponsored events from St. Peter's Square.

Sunday's protest kicked off with the unexpected arrival of the Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, who said he had wanted to greet the organizers and had prepared a statement he hoped to read. He beat a hasty retreat to his office after a protester shouted "Shame, shame" in Italian.

Lombardi said later he left when he saw "it wasn't going to be easy" to meet with the organizers.

Bergeron met with Lombardi later inside his Vatican office and told him that abuse survivors had been "waiting a lifetime to be able to stand up and speak out."

After the demonstration, Bergeron accompanied

Police block sex abuse survivors near Vatican

several other survivors to speak with Lombardi and tell them their stories. They said they asked Lombardi to pass along their request to speak with other Vatican officials; Lombardi said he listened to their concerns and reasons for gathering. The event, which aimed to show survivors worldwide that they are not alone, was organized by Bergeron and Bernie McDaid, who were abused by the same Boston priest starting when they were in the sixth grade. The two became some of the most prominent victims to speak out in the United States after the clerical abuse scandal erupted in their native Boston in 2002.

McDaid was the first victim to meet with Pope Benedict XVI when the pontiff visited the United States in 2008.

Bergeron and McDaid organized the rally after the scandal erupted anew on a global scale earlier this year, with revelations of thousands of victims in Europe and beyond, of bishops who covered up for pedophile priests and of Vatican officials who turned a blind eye to the crimes. They are seeking to have the United Nations designate systematic sexual abuse of children as a crime against humanity.

About 100 survivors from a dozen countries — Italy, Britain, the United States, Ireland, the Netherlands and Australia among others — took part in Sunday's protest, although they seemed outnumbered by journalists and police.

After Bergeron and McDaid spoke, large torches were handed out to the other survivors, many of whom wore T-shirts that read "Enough!" in English, Italian and German. The crowd, some toting signs that read "Hands off children," approached a line of carabinieri police, who blocked them from marching toward St. Peter's.

Eventually, Bergeron and another protester were escorted by police as they carried thick candles to the edge of the square. Vatican security guards accompanied them to the foot of the staircase leading to the Apostolic Palace's bronze entrance doors. According to Bergeron's account, the two deposited the sealed letters from survivors addressed to the pope at the foot of the stairs, and after their passports were examined they were accompanied to the obelisk in the middle of the square. There they left a dozen stones in a pile — in the same way hikers leave piles of stones along mountain paths to show others that someone has been there before.

"The journey of a survivor is one step at a time. This is one step," Bergeron said after he had deposited the letters. "Today was very powerful for many survivors. This is the first time that a group of survivors this large has come together, and people have listened in Italy. In Italy! That's success to me."

At a briefing before the march, participants stood up one by one to tell how their lives had been destroyed by the abuse

they suffered as children. Many recounted years of drug and alcohol addiction, eating disorders and other psychological and emotional problems.

"For 50 years I thought I was the only person in the entire world that had been abused by a Catholic priest," said Sue Cox, 63, from Warwickshire, Britain. She clarified herself: "Raped by a Catholic priest, not abused, because what he did was rape me and rape is different."

"It's taken 50 years for me to find my voice. But now I've found it, I want to continue to speak on behalf of people who maybe aren't able to speak or have not yet been able to face the fear and the guilt and shame that survivors feel."

Cox said she was raped in her bedroom when she was 13 by a priest who had been filling in for her parish priest and had been staying at her parents' home. Her mother discovered what had happened immediately — her nightgown was torn, she was bleeding — but did nothing, and instead told Cox to pray for the priest. "I felt sacrificial," she said. "I wanted to die."

By 15 she was an alcoholic, by 17 she had entered into a violent marriage. By 30 she was clean, and now at 63 is confronting what she calls the final piece of her recovery — "the hardest bit" — speaking out about her abuse.

The pope has admitted the church failed to take sufficient measures to stop the abuse and has apologized to victims during several foreign trips. □

At least 32 wounded in Istanbul suicide bombing

CHRISTOPHER TORCHIA ISTANBUL (AP) — A suicide bomber has blown himself
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He said the government considered Khadr's age and background as the child of a prominent al-Qaida figure in agreeing to the eight-year sentence.

"I hope it sends a message to any terrorists that if you are involved with serious offenses like this you face the potential of a very serious sentence," Murphy said.

Khadr admitted planting 10 roadside bombs in Afghanistan as part of an al-Qaida explosive cell and throwing a grenade that mortally wounded an American special forces medic, Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Speer of Albuquerque, New Mexico. His lawyers and human rights groups said he was a "child soldier," who should have been sent home long ago for rehabilitation and they challenged the notion that a battlefield killing amounted to a war crime.

Prosecutors said Khadr was a war criminal because he was not a legitimate soldier fighting in Afghanistan but a member of al-Qaida, which hides among civilians, doesn't represent a country or follow internationally accepted principles of warfare.

His lawyers said they had no choice but to strike a plea deal given the potential for a long sentence.

"I think when you look at it we did quite well," said Marine Col. Jeffrey Colwell, the chief defense counsel.

The jury began its deliberations after nearly a week of testimony that included a wrenching hour of testimony from Speer's widow about the loss of her husband and a 10-minute statement from Khadr, who apologized to the soldier's family in his most extensive public statements since his capture.

Speer's widow, Tabitha, pumped her fist and cheered "yes!" when the jury announced its 40-year sentence. Then she burst into tears.

Later, she said that she was relieved to have the case behind her. She called the jury's verdict "the right thing" but accepted the eight-year sentence.

"I miss my husband very, very much. There will never be anyone or anything that can replace or bring him back, but today this helps to close a huge chapter," Speer said, her voice breaking. "And this is going to help my children and I move forward."

Human rights groups said they understood why the defense would accept a plea deal, but said the case would have presented an opportunity to challenge the government's notion of what constitutes a war crimes, the legality of the harsh interrogations that Khadr and many other prisoners experienced and the overall legitimacy of the Guantanamo tribunals.

"Having a fake sentence which is basically thrown out the window as soon as the jury leaves the room does not look like fair justice to the rest of the world," said Andrea Prasow, a lawyer for Human Rights Watch who observed the trial.

In Ottawa, Melissa Lantsman, a spokeswoman for Canada's foreign affairs minister, declined to speculate about when Khadr might return. She said a decision will be made only when he formally applies for a transfer, and he will be treated like any other Canadian.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative government has steadfastly refused to request the return of Khadr, the last Western detainee held at the prison. The reluctance owes partly to Canadians' ambivalence toward the Khadr family, which has been called "the first family of terrorism."

"Omar Khadr pleaded guilty to murdering U.S. Army medic Christopher Speer," Lantsman said. "He pleaded guilty to attempted murder. He admitted he was a member of Al-Qaeda. He also publicly acknowledged that he planted roadside bombs and that he knew he was targeting civilians." □



Riot police buses are seen at the scene after an explosion close to a spot in Taksim square where riot police were stationed in case of demonstrations in Istanbul, Turkey, Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010. A suicide bomber blew himself up near police watching over Istanbul's main square on Sunday, wounding 22 people, including 10 policemen, officials said.

Associated Press

up beside a police vehicle in a major Istanbul square near tourist hotels and a bus terminal, wounding 32 people, including 15 policemen.

The attack Sunday in Taksim Square, which was followed by police gunfire and sent hundreds of panicked people racing for cover, coincided with the possible end of a unilateral cease-fire by Kurdish rebels, but there was no immediate claim of responsibility. Turkey, a NATO ally that has deployed troops in a noncombat role in Afghanistan, is also home to cells of radical leftists and Islamic militants.

Istanbul police chief Huseyin Capkin said the bomber tried but failed to get into a parked police van and detonated the bomb just outside the vehicle, blowing himself to pieces. Riot police are routinely stationed at Taksim, a popular spot for street demonstrations that abuts a major pedestrian walkway whose shops and restaurants are usually packed. At least 32 people, including 15 police officers, were injured, at least two of them seriously, Istanbul Gov. Huseyin Avni Mutlu said.

After the blast, he said, investigators at the scene found and defused a package of plastic explosives that could have been detonated with the push of a button.

"It was a terrifying, very loud explosion," said Mehmet Toz, a coffee stall owner who was in the square at the time of the blast. "Everyone started to run around, people fell on the ground. There was panic."

Another witness, Muammer Ulutas, said a policeman fired four rounds at the body of the suicide bomber after the explosion. He glimpsed the remains of the assailant, who appeared to be in his early 20s. The attack occurred as Istanbul was preparing to hold Republic Day parades to mark the 1923 founding of Turkey. The celebrations were originally planned for Friday, but were delayed due to heavy rain. Taksim Square, a transport hub that is a major stop on the city's underground train network and close to the Hyatt, Ritz-Carlton and other major hotels, was festooned with red and white Turkish flags.

Two suicide attacks in Taksim in 1999 and 2001 killed two police officers and wounded a total of 13 people. The first was carried out by a female Kurdish militant, and leftist extremists claimed responsibility for the second. Kurdish rebels are fighting for autonomy in Turkey's mainly Kurdish southeast and their unilateral cease-fire was scheduled to expire at the end of October. The state has held

secretive talks with the jailed leader of the rebel Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, in an effort to end the conflict. But an ongoing trial of more than 150 Kurds, including a dozen elected mayors, on charges of rebel links is a sign of the deep reserves of mistrust between authorities and the ethnic minority.

Interior Minister Besir Atalay, speaking to Turkish journalists on a visit to China, said "certain suspicions, certain evidence" indicated who was behind the attack, but said the government would not rush to announce its theories.

Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, who was inaugurating a hamlet for villagers whose homes are to be flooded by a new dam in southeastern Turkey, said the suicide attack was aimed at "obstructing Turkey's development." "We will not show any tolerance toward those who to want cause turmoil," Erdogan said. □

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Ex-guerrilla to be Brazil's first female president

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Associated Press

SAO PAULO (AP) — A former Marxist guerrilla who was tortured and imprisoned during Brazil's long dictatorship was elected Sunday as president of Latin America's biggest nation, a country in the midst of an economic and political rise.

A statement from the Supreme Electoral Court, which oversees elections, said governing party candidate Dilma Rousseff won the election. When she takes office Jan. 1, she will be Brazil's first female leader. With 99 percent of the ballots counted, Rousseff had 55.6 percent compared to 44.4 percent for her centrist rival, Jose Serra, the electoral court said.

"I'm very happy. I want to thank all Brazilians for this moment and I promise to honor the trust they have shown me," Rousseff told reporters who swarmed a car carrying her in Brasilia, her first public words as president-elect.

Rousseff, the hand-chosen candidate of wildly popular President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, won by cementing her image to Silva's, whose policies she promised to continue.

She will lead a nation on the rise, a country that will host the 2014 World Cup and that is expected to be the globe's fifth-largest economy by the time it hosts the 2016 Summer Olympics. It has also recently discovered huge oil reserves off its coast.

Rousseff was already speaking like a president-elect before the result was announced.

"Starting tomorrow we begin a new stage of democracy," Rousseff, 62, said in the southern city of Porto Alegre, where she cast her vote. "I will rule for everyone, speak

with all Brazilians, without exception."

Silva used his 80 percent approval ratings to campaign incessantly for Rousseff, his former chief of staff and political protege. She never has held elected office and lacks the charisma that transformed Silva from a one-time shoeshine boy into one of the globe's most popular leaders.

Silva was barred by the constitution from running for a third consecutive four-year term. He has batted down chatter in Brazil's press that he is setting himself up for a new run at the presidency in 2014, which would be legal.

Despite Rousseff's win, many voters don't want "Lula," as he is popularly known, to go away.

"If Lula ran for president 10 times, I would vote for him 10 times," said Marisa Santos, a 43-year-old selling her homemade jewelry on a Sao Paulo street. "I'm voting for Dilma, of course, but the truth is it will still be Lula who will lead us."

Within 20 minutes of Rousseff's victory being announced, her supporters began streaming onto a main avenue in Sao Paulo, where eight years ago a huge gathering celebrated Silva's win, the first time the Workers Party took the presidency. Police blocked off the road and workers were already constructing a stage for a party expected to last the entire night.

"We've been waiting for this dream for so long," said Sandra Martins, a 40-year-old school teacher who was dressed in Worker Party red and waving a large Rousseff campaign flag. "It's going to be the third term for Lula — except this time represented by a woman."



Brazil's President-elect Dilma Rousseff, of the Workers Party, waves to supporters as she arrives to give her victory speech after winning the election runoff in Brasilia, Brazil, Sunday Oct. 31, 2010. Governing party candidate Dilma Rousseff was elected Brazil's president, becoming the nation's first female leader, and will take office Jan. 1.

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Silva entered office with a background as a leftist labor leader, but he governed from a moderate perspective. Under his leadership, the economy grew strongly and Brazil weathered the global financial crisis better than most nations. He is loved within Brazil by the legions of poor, who consider the nation's first working-class president one of their own. His social programs and orthodox economic policies have helped lift 20 million people out of poverty and thrust another 29 million into the middle class.

Serra is a 68-year-old former governor of Sao Paulo state and one-time health minister who was badly beaten by Silva in the 2002 presidential election.

"I voted for Dilma because she is a fighter," said Estevam Sanches, a 43-year-old pizza parlor owner in Sao Paulo. "What we need is a fighter in the presidency to continue, as she says she will, with Lula's efforts to eradicate poverty and strengthen the economy." Rousseff was a key player in an armed militant group that resisted Brazil's military dictatorship — and was imprisoned and tortured for it. She is a cancer survivor and a former minister of energy and chief of staff to Silva. She

possesses a management style that earned her the moniker "Iron Lady" — a name she detests.

She is the daughter of a Bulgarian immigrant father, a lawyer who died when she was 14, and a Brazilian mother who was a schoolteacher. Her past points to an early political awakening.

In 1967, as a 19-year-old economics student, she joined a militant political group opposing the dictatorship. For three years she helped lead guerrilla organizations, instructed comrades on Marxist theory and wrote for an underground newspaper.

Rousseff denies carrying out any acts of violence during this period, says she opposed such action and notes she was never accused by the military regime of violent acts.

After three years underground, Rousseff was captured in 1970 by Brazil's military police and was considered a big enough catch that a military prosecutor labeled her the "Joan of Arc" of the guerrilla movement.

She was tossed into the Tiradentes prison where she was submitted to brutal torture.

After being released, she moved to southern Brazil in 1973, where she reunited with her now ex-husband,

Carlos Araujo, who was also an imprisoned militant. She gave birth to a daughter and finished an economics degree. As Brazil's dictatorship began to loosen its grip, Rousseff became more politically involved and campaigned to get her husband elected to the state congress in 1982.

After holding appointed positions in city and state governments, Rousseff served for two years as the nation's energy minister after Silva took office in 2003. She became his chief of staff in 2005, a position she held until resigning earlier this year to campaign.

Rousseff says her political thinking has evolved drastically — from Marxism to pragmatic capitalism — but she remains proud of her radical roots.

"We fought and participated in a dream to build a better Brazil," she said in an interview published in the newspaper Folha de S. Paulo in 2005, one of the rare times she has spoken in detail about her militancy and torture endured.

"We learned a lot. We did a lot of nonsense, but that is not what characterizes us. What characterizes us is to have dared to want a better country." □



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Taliban hold secret talks with Afghan president

KATHY GANNON

Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Three Taliban figures met secretly with Afghanistan's president two weeks ago in an effort by the Afghan government to weaken the U.S.-led coalition's most vicious enemy, a powerful al-Qaida linked network that straddles the border region with Pakistan.

A former Afghan official said the meeting in Kabul included an ex-Taliban governor, Maulvi Abdul Kabir. He comes from the same Zadran tribe as the leaders of the Haqqani network, an autonomous wing of the Taliban responsible for many attacks against U.S. and Afghan forces, the former official said over the weekend. U.S. and Afghan officials hope that if Kabir agrees to quit the

insurgency, it could split the Zadran tribe and undercut the pool of recruits from which the Haqqanis currently draw fighters. But it was unclear whether any progress toward that end was made during the talks.

Weakening the Haqqanis' grip over the Zadran tribe could help shift the power balance in eastern provinces where the network poses a major threat. The Haqqani network, led by ailing Jalaluddin Haqqani and his son Sirajuddin, is believed to be sheltering top al-Qaida leaders across the border in Pakistan.

Kabir served as governor of Nangarhar province and deputy prime minister during the Taliban rule, which ended with the U.S.-led invasion of 2001. He is believed to run the Taliban council in the

Pakistani city of Peshawar but is not considered a powerhouse in the Taliban.

The two other Taliban who took part in the talks were Mullah Sadre Azam and Anwar-ul-Haq Mujahed.

Mujahed is credited with helping Osama bin Laden escape the U.S. assault on Tora Bora in 2001, the former official said. He has been in Pakistani custody since June last year when he was picked up in a raid in Peshawar, where one of several Afghan Taliban shuras, or councils, is located.

The men were brought by helicopter from Peshawar and spent two nights in a luxury Kabul hotel before returning to Pakistan.

The U.S. earlier this month acknowledged facilitating some Taliban trips to Kabul



This undated photo originally received by the Associated Press Monday, July 21, 2003 shows former Taliban governor of eastern Nangarhar province and No. 3 in the Taliban hierarchy Maulvi Abdul Kabir, at right with black turban and glasses, addressing the faithful in the tribal border regions of Pakistan, not far from the border with Afghanistan. It is the first image of Kabir since the Taliban's ouster in 2001.

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but provided no specifics. The Pakistani military has not commented on such reports. The former Afghan official, who asked not to be named because of his relationship with both the government and the Taliban, described Kabir and his associates as "midlevel" contacts because they have little, if any

influence over more powerful Taliban factions.

A Western official confirmed a meeting had taken place but said he did not know who attended and whether progress was made. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not supposed to talk to media about the issue. □

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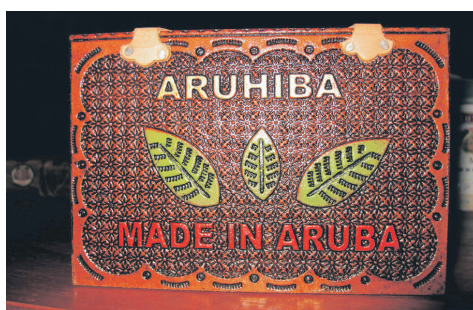
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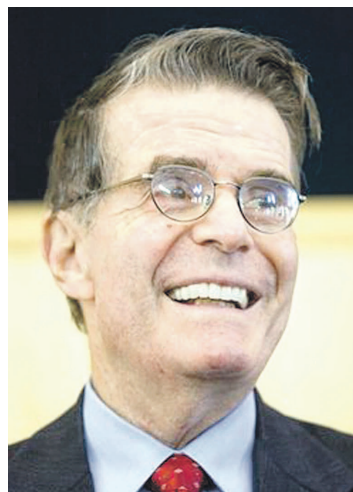


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Theodore Sorensen, top JFK aide, dies at 82 in NY



By VERENA DOBNIK

Associated Press

NEW YORK – Theodore C. Sorensen, the studious, star-struck aide and alter ego to President John F. Kennedy whose crisp, poetic turns of phrase helped idealize and immortalize a tragically brief administration, died Sunday. He was 82.

He died at noon at Manhattan's New York Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center from complications of a stroke,

his widow, Gillian Sorensen, said.

Sorensen had been in poor health in recent years and a stroke in 2001 left him with such poor eyesight that he was unable to write his memoir, "Counselor," published in 2008. Instead, he had to dictate it to an assistant.

President Barack Obama issued a statement saying he was saddened to learn of Sorensen's death.

"I know his legacy will live on in the words he wrote, the causes he advanced, and the hearts of anyone who is inspired by the promise of a new frontier," Obama said. Hours after his death, Gillian Sorensen told The Associated Press that although a first stroke nine years ago robbed him of much of his sight, "he managed to get back up and going." She said he continued to give speeches and traveled, and just two weeks ago, he collaborated on the lyrics

to music to be performed in January at the Kennedy Center in Washington — a symphony commemorating a half-century since Kennedy took office.

"I can really say he lived to be 82 and he lived to the fullest and to the last — with vigor and pleasure and engagement," said Gillian Sorensen, who was at his side to the last. "His mind, his memory, his speech were unaffected."

Her husband was hospitalized Oct. 22 after a second stroke that was "devastating," she said. Of the courtiers to Camelot's king, special counsel Sorensen ranked just below Kennedy's brother Bobby. He was the adoring, tireless speechwriter and confidant to a president whose term was marked by Cold War struggles, growing civil rights strife and the beginnings of the U.S. intervention in Vietnam.

Some of Kennedy's most memorable speeches, from his inaugural address to his vow to place a man on the moon, resulted from such close collaborations with Sorensen that scholars debated who wrote what. He had long been suspected as the real writer of the future president's Pulitzer Prize-winning "Profiles in Courage," an allegation Sorensen and the Kennedys emphatically — and litigiously — denied. They were an odd, but utterly compatible duo, the glamorous, wealthy politician from Massachusetts and the shy wordsmith from Nebraska, described by Time magazine in 1960 as "a sober, deadly earnest, self-effacing man with a blue steel brain." But as Sorensen would write in "Counselor," the difference in their lifestyles was offset by the closeness of their minds: Each had a wry sense of humor, a dislike of

hypocrisy, a love of books and a high-minded regard for public life.

Kennedy called him "my intellectual blood bank" and the press frequently referred to Sorensen as Kennedy's "ghostwriter," especially after the release of "Profiles in Courage." Presidential secretary Evelyn Lincoln saw it another way: "Ted was really more shadow than ghost, in the sense that he was never really very far from Kennedy."

Sorensen's brain of steel was never needed more than in October 1962, with the U.S. and the Soviet Union on the brink of nuclear annihilation over the placement of Soviet missiles in Cuba. Kennedy directed Sorensen and Bobby Kennedy, the administration's attorney general, to draft a letter to Nikita Khrushchev, who had sent conflicting messages, first conciliatory, then confrontational. □




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PALM BEACH – For the fifth year in a row Dr. J. R. Rajnherc has organised the annual Dr. Bryson pediatric symposium. It all started when Dr. Bryson was retired, reaching age 65, yet up until then none of the medical specialists has ever been honored while still well and alive, for his/her contributions to this island's health and well-being. "For that reason," says Rajnherc, "I decided to organize the first conference titled the Dr Bryson Pediatric Symposium, in honor of the retired, most-loved and most-respected pediatrician." The subject of the first conference, Childhood Obesity, was new since it had not really been addressed before, among local health-care providers. Held at Cas di Cultura the symposium was open to professionals as well as the general public, and it turned out to be an enormous success with local and international speakers.

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La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club Celebrates Chinese New Year

JEAGLE BEACH -- The Engineering department orchestrated a much-enjoyed Themed Luncheon at the associates' cafeteria, celebrating Chinese New Year, reports Maritza Chomba Odor, Project and Administrative Coordinator. Errol the expert carpenter worked his magic to deliver a genuine rikshaw, Chinese water bucket carriers, and assorted paper

lanterns to help create a Chinese ambiance which was nicely paired with Chinese food for lunch.

As a matter of fact, the Engineering associates recreated the Flintstones and the Stone Age last year and this year took their peers on an exotic trip to the Far East.

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AT PRESS TIME



During the Texas Rangers' Tommy Hunter reacts as San Francisco Giants' Aubrey Huff rounds the bases after Huff hit a two-run home run during the thnird inning of Game 4 of baseball's World Series Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010, in Arlington, Texas.

Associated Press

Huff's homer gives Giants 2-0 lead after 3 innings

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

ARLINGTON, Texas — Aubrey Huff hit a long two-run homer off Tommy Hunter, and rookie Madison Bumgarner didn't allow any hits through three innings as the San Francisco Giants took a 2-0 lead over the Texas Rangers in Game 4 of the World Series on Sunday night.

With the Giants trying to open a 3-1 lead, Andres Torres doubled off the first-base bag and down the right-field line leading off the third. Freddy Sanchez grounded out in a gritty nine-pitch at-bat before Huff sent the next pitch, Hunter's 62nd of the night, about 10 feet fair deep into the lower right-field stands.

Normally the Giants' first baseman, Huff was a designated hitter for the first time this year.

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CHIN MUSIC

Favre KO'd in Viking loss

New England Patriots defensive tackle Myron Pryor (91) hits Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre in the fourth quarter of an NFL football game in Foxborough, Mass., Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010. Favre was carted off the field.

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NBA Roundup

Heat end Nets' unbeaten start with easy victory

NEWARK, New Jersey (AP) — LeBron James scored 20 points, and Chris Bosh and Dwyane Wade were close behind as the Miami Heat ended the New Jersey Nets' two-game unbeaten start with a 101-78 victory Sunday. Bosh finished with 18 points and Wade added 17, both getting most of them in Miami's dominant first half before sitting out the fourth quarter. James played a little of the final period and added seven rebounds and seven assists. It was the most impressive offensive performance yet for the Heat, who have won three straight since beginning their new era with a loss in Boston on opening night. Miami shot 68 percent in the first half, when its Big Three combined for 41 points — one fewer than New Jersey — and the stats only lowered when the reserves took over toward the end.

Mavericks 99, Clippers 83

At Los Angeles, Jason Kidd ended the first half with a 65-foot shot-put heave from inside the 3-point arc at the opposite end, and Caron Butler scored 17 points and Shawn Marion had 10 of his 12 points in the fourth quarter as Dallas beat the Los Angeles Clippers.

Dirk Nowitzki added 16 points and seven rebounds for the defending Southwest Division champions in their first road game of the season. Kidd finished with 13 points,



From left to right, Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade, LeBron James, and Chris Bosh laugh in the final moments of their game against the New Jersey Nets in an NBA basketball game at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J., Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010. The Heat defeated the Nets 101-78.

Associated Press

nine rebounds and seven assists.

Rookie Blake Griffin had 16 points and nine rebounds for the Clippers, who fell to 0-3 on the season under new coach Vinny Del Negro.

None of the starters reached double digits until Griffin converted a slam dunk with 5:32 left in the third quarter. □

Former presidents throw out ceremonial 1st pitch

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Father and son George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush threw out the ceremonial first pitch Sunday in what Major League Baseball said was the first time two former presidents attended a World Series game.

George W. Bush, the 43rd president, threw the pitch with his father, the 41st president, at his side.

The pair drove in from left field together in a golf cart, with the younger Bush wearing a blue Texas Rangers jacket and the elder Bush a red World Series jacket. The older held a cane in his left hand and walked haltingly, and he later needed assistance getting into his seat in the first row next to the Texas Rangers dugout. As they approached the infield dirt and drove past four Giants, San Francisco outfielder Cody Ross gave a handshake to the older Bush. Former First Lady Barbara Bush took pictures from her first-row seat with former First Lady Laura Bush, her daughter-in-law, standing next to her.

When the golf cart pulled up next to the mound of the first-base side, the two ex-presidents were greeted by Hall of Famer Nolan Ryan, the current Rangers president. George W. Bush threw a high pitch to Ryan, who caught it over the right-handed hitter's batter's box.

After the pitch, the pair got back in the golf cart and drove



Former Presidents George Bush, right, watches his son, George W. Bush throw the ceremonial first pitch for Game 4 of baseball's World Series between the San Francisco Giants and the Texas Rangers Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010, in Arlington, Texas.

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HUFF'S HOMER

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He had gone 76 at-bats without a home run since Sept. 25.

Bumgarner struck out two and walked two, throwing 27 of 42 pitches for strikes.

Hunter gave up four hits in the first three innings, throwing 72 pitches.

Texas was trying to tie the Series following its 4-2 win Saturday night, while the Giants were attempting to move within a win of their first title since 1954.

In Game 5 on Monday night, opening-game winner Tim Lincecum pitches for the Giants against Game 1 loser Cliff Lee. It was only the third Halloween game in World Series history, following Game 4 in 2001 and Game 3 last year.

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San Francisco manager Bruce Bochy benched left fielder Pat Burrell, who is 0 for 9 with eight strikeouts in the Series. Nate Schierholtz made his first start of the postseason in right, with Cody Ross shifting to left.

the short distance to in front of the Rangers dugout. Once they were in their seats, the umpires walked over to shake their hands.

The younger Bush is a familiar face at Rangers Ballpark, where he became controlling owner in April 1989 and relinquished the baseball position when he took over as Texas governor in 1995. His group owned the team until selling to Tom Hicks in 1998. The elder, more of a Houston Astros fan, was a first baseman at Yale and captain of the Bulldogs' baseball team. He played in the first two College World Series, losing the 1947 championship to California 8-7 and the 1948 final to Southern California 3-1. Bush kept his Yale first baseman's glove in his Oval Office desk during his White House years, and he is friends with former baseball commissioner Fay Vincent.

Both threw out first pitches many times while president. The older performed the task at the 1992 All-Star game in San Diego and the younger did it before Game 3 of the 2001 World Series at Yankee Stadium. □

Huff was the DH in place of Pablo Sandoval, and Travis Ishikawa took over at first — his first start since Aug. 14.

With the Dallas Cowboys getting pummeled 35-17 by Jacksonville across the street, this was the third straight year that featured an NFL-World Series doubleheader at the same sports complex. There were Eagles-Phillies twinbills in Philadelphia in 2008 and 2009.

Each team threatened early.

Torres led off the game with an infield single, but Hunter retired the next three batters.

Elvis Andrus walked leading off the bottom of the first, but Michael Young grounded out and Josh Hamilton grounded into a double play.

Ross walked leading off the second and Ishikawa hit a sharp grounder to second baseman Ian Kinsler with one out. He made a backhand flip to second, and Andrus appeared to throw to first in time for a double play, but first base umpire Jeff Kellogg called Ishikawa safe.

Schierholtz lofted a fly to short center, and Hamilton sprinted in to make a diving catch.

Kinsler walked with two outs in the bottom half but was stranded when Jeff Francoeur lined to a leaping Sanchez, who snared the ball in the webbing of his glove at second. With a large portion of the ball sticking out like an ice-cream cone, Sanchez displayed his prize. □

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Bowyer edges Harvick under caution at Talladega

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) —

In a typically wild ending at Talladega Superspeedway, Clint Bowyer edged teammate Kevin Harvick for the victory Sunday, but all three contenders stayed neck-and-neck in the frantic race for NASCAR's championship.

Bowyer, winner of the opening race in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, earned a bit of redemption. He had been stripped of 150 points because NASCAR said his winning car at New Hampshire was illegal.

This victory came under chaotic circumstances. A wreck way behind the leaders sent AJ Allmendinger's car flipping across the track, but the front pack maintained its furious push to the flag.

Nobody had any idea who was leading when NASCAR called the caution that froze the field. Richard Childress Racing knew at the very least, one of its drivers had won, and Bowyer celebrated with burnouts while Harvick sat in his parked car waiting for the call.

NASCAR needed several minutes to review the finish, and Bowyer stuck his hand out his window for a congratulatory high-five with Harvick as they waited.

Bowyer got the call, Harvick settled for second and the championship race remained the closest in Chase history as contenders Harvick, Jimmie Johnson and Denny Hamlin all finished inside the top-10.

"It's going to be an awesome championship battle all the way to Homestead, and I'm really looking forward to it," said Johnson, the four-time defending champion.

While Bowyer celebrated in Victory Lane, the title

contenders tried to make sense of the day. Johnson hovered around a TV monitor in the infield media center to watch replays of the final two laps, while a wide-eyed Harvick was later distracted by another view.

"Oh, I didn't know somebody flipped," he said.

That's how it usually goes at Talladega, which every driver considered the wild card of the 10 Chase races.

The goal was to set a strategy that would prevent mayhem at Talladega. For Johnson and Hamlin, it was riding around the back most of the day then hooking up with a teammate for help for a final push.

Only Hamlin lost the draft and fell behind the pack and dropped a lap down. He needed to wait for the field to catch him, then slid inside a promised hole from fellow Toyota driver David Reutimann to stop the bleeding. From there, Hamlin needed cautions to get back on the lead lap and into position to keep his title chances alive. One of the cautions that helped

Hamlin hurt Harvick. He raced hard all day but damaged the nose of his Chevrolet midway through the race in a multicar accident on the backstretch.

A quick pit-road job put him back in contention, and he continued his hard push. A caution for debris set up a restart with four laps remaining, and Harvick received unusual help from Reutimann, who as a Toyota driver probably shouldn't have pushed Hamlin's competition to the front.

"If you had your preference of helping a Toyota, if you have a choice, I think we would try to pick a Toyota," explained Reutimann, who wound up fourth behind the RCR drivers and Juan Pablo Montoya. "But sometimes you don't have a choice and you have to go with whatever's going to benefit your team the most." Harvick wasn't all that surprised to get the push from Reutimann.

"It's hard when you line all those cars up at the end," Harvick said. "When you get down to the end, I mean,



Clint Bowyer, center, celebrates with a team member after winning the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Talladega Superspeedway in Talladega, Ala., on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010.

Associated Press

unless you're just going to let off, I just don't think that's in many's nature that sits behind the wheel of these cars. You have to just push whoever's in front of you and go for it." Hamlin made no mention of Reutimann's help of Harvick, but despite rallying to the top-10 finish, he seemed disappointed with the final result.

"It wasn't very fun. I didn't get to race as hard as I'd like to at times," he said.

But he knew it could have been worse, and took solace in how tight the race is as they move on to Texas, where Hamlin won in April.

"It's what I asked for," he said. "I asked for nobody to really get killed (in the standings) here this weekend, and let us settle it on the racetracks where our cars and our teams can make a difference and us as drivers can make a difference. And that's what we got." □

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Oregon quarterback Darron Thomas, center, celebrates after throwing a touchdown pass as Oregon offensive lineman Mark Asper, left, and Southern California linebacker Shane Horton look on during the first half of an NCAA college football game, Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010, in Los Angeles.

Associated Press

Oregon on top, Auburn closes on Boise in AP poll

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK — Oregon tightened its grip on the top spot in The Associated Press poll Sunday, while No. 3 Auburn closed the gap on No. 2 Boise State.

In their third consecutive week as No. 1, the Ducks reached a new high for first-place votes (49) and points (1,487) from the media panel after a decisive 53-32 victory at Southern California on Saturday night.

Boise State received seven first-place votes and 1,403 points after four voters switched from the Broncos to the Ducks.

Auburn also lost a first-place vote to Oregon. The Tigers got two votes as No. 1 after beating Mississippi 51-31, but are now just seven points behind the Broncos. Boise State beat Louisiana Tech 49-20 on Tuesday.

No. 4 TCU also received two first-place votes. Idle Alabama moved up a spot to No. 5 and

unbeaten Utah climbed to two places to sixth.

The Utes host the Horned Frogs in the first game in Mountain West Conference history to match top-10 teams. The rest of the top 10 is Wisconsin, Ohio State, Nebraska and Stanford.

Missouri and Michigan State both took big tumbles after losing for the first time this season. The Tigers dropped seven spots to No. 14 after losing 31-17 at Nebraska.

The Spartans dropped 11 places to 16th after losing 37-6 at Iowa. The Hawkeyes moved up three spots to No. 15.

The loss to Oregon dropped USC out of the rankings for the second time this season and Miami is also out again after being upset 24-19 at Virginia.

Moving back into the Top 25 were No. 23 North Carolina State and No. 25 Nevada.

Oklahoma is No. 11, followed by LSU and Arizona.

No. 18 South Carolina, Oklahoma State and Virginia Tech round out the first 20.

Joining N.C. State and Nevada in the final five were No. 21 Mississippi State, No. 22 Baylor and No. 24 Florida State. □

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Westwood clinches No. 1 ranking from Woods

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SHANGHAI (AP) — For the first time in more than five years, Tiger Woods is no longer golf's No. 1 player.

Lee Westwood of England took the top ranking Sunday, becoming the first European in 16 years to be No. 1 in the world and only the fourth player to get there without having won a major.

"Whenever you can sit down and say, 'I'm the best in the world right now,' it's a dream that everybody holds," Westwood said, calling it the most satisfying achievement of his career.

Westwood is the first European since Nick Faldo in 1994 to be No. 1, and the 13th player to be No. 1 since the ranking system began in 1986.

The final step was anticlimactic. Westwood, who has finished only one tournament since the British Open while recovering from a calf injury, knew he would go to No. 1 as long as PGA champion Martin Kaymer did not finish among the top two at the Andalucia Masters in Spain.

Kaymer tied for 21st, and when the German walked off the 18th at Valderrama, champagne began pouring in Westwood's home in England, where he shared the moment with his parents and about 20 friends.

When the rankings are officially released on Monday, Westwood will be followed in the rankings by Woods, Kaymer, Phil Mickelson and Steve Stricker.

"Growing up, when people ask what you want to achieve, you turn around say, 'I want to be the best in the world,'" Westwood said. "Right at this very moment, I can show people the world ranking and say, 'Look, I'm the best in the world. I'm the best on the planet for golf at the moment.' It's a fairly large achievement when you look at the people who were No. 1 in the ranking."

For a record amount of time, that was Woods.

Woods has been introduced

as the world's No. 1 player for the last 281 weeks, dating to the week before the 2005 U.S. Open, where he was the runner-up. He won the British Open a month later, and his ranking has rarely been threatened since.

The gap was as large as ever less than a year ago. When Woods won the Australian Masters, his points average in the world ranking was 16.17. Westwood was No. 5 at 5.92 points.

It all changed so quickly for Woods, who struggled through his worst season on and off the course. Woods took a five-month break to cope with confessions of extramarital affairs, which ended in divorce, and his game has not been the same. He has not finished better than a tie for fourth — in the Masters and U.S. Open — and he has lost more ranking points than any player has earned.

Westwood could not have imagined getting to No. 1 without having at least won a major, but he's not surprised he was the one who replaced Woods. The 37-year-old Englishman was runner-up in

two majors (Masters, British Open), tied for fourth at The Players Championship and won the St. Jude Classic in Memphis, Tenn.

How long Westwood stays at the top remains to be seen.

He leaves Monday for the HSBC Champions in Shanghai, where four players — Westwood, Woods, Kaymer and Phil Mickelson — will have a chance to be No. 1 in the world. For Mickelson, it will be his 13th straight tournament with a chance to be No. 1, the difference now that he is chasing Westwood, not Woods.

"This could be very exciting for the game of golf," Westwood said.

It was reminiscent of June 1997, when Woods, Ernie Els and Greg Norman all reached No. 1 in a three-week span.

As much as this represents the end of Woods' reign, it completes a remarkable turnaround for Westwood. He struggled through a slump so severe that he fell as low as No. 266 in the world on May 25, 2003. He gradually began to work his way back towards the top, and in the last couple



Tiger Woods, left, and Steve Stricker of the U.S., center, watch the play with Europe's Lee Westwood on the third day of the 2010 Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Celtic Manor Resort in Newport, Wales, Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010.

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of years, Westwood has been in fine form.

"When you get that low ... it's a very difficult process," he said. "You take it a step at a time and rebuild the whole thing. And that's what I tried to do."

This is the 10th time Woods has lost the No. 1 ranking. The longest he was out of the No. 1 spot was 26 weeks toward

the end of the 2004 season and beginning of 2005, when Vijay Singh went on a great run and Woods was in the middle of a swing change.

"You just keep playing," Woods said in August, as his hold on No. 1 became more tenuous. "Winning golf tournaments takes care of a lot of things, and being No. 1 is one of them." □

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49ers rally late to beat Broncos 24-16 in London



Smith completed a 28-yard touchdown pass to Michael Crabtree with 7:23 to go to help San Francisco take a 17-10 lead. Frank Gore scored another with 3:47 to go, running in from the 3. A few minutes earlier, Smith made it 10-10 by rushing for a 1-yard touchdown after completing back-to-back passes to Delanie Walker, the first for 27 yards and the second for 38. Both teams have now won two games and lost six. Attendance at Wembley was 83,941.

Although it rained in London for much of the day, it was dry during the game and the conditions on the Wembley pitch held up. As the home team, the 49ers were able to distribute team flags to the fans. Although spectators were dressed in a myriad of NFL colors, the majority were cheering for San Francisco.

This is the fourth straight year that the NFL has played a regular-season game in London. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell has been talking about playing more games in Britain and possibly establishing a team in London in the future. Smith only found out a few

days ago that he was going to start because usual starter Alex Smith was diagnosed with a separated shoulder. And Smith struggled in the first half, completing only 4 of 9 passes for 37 yards. At the end, though, he finished with 196 yards while completing 12 of 19 passes.

Gore had the most productive day on the ground, rushing for 118 yards on 29 carries for the Niners.

The Broncos got their first touchdown in the third quarter when Tim Tebow ran in from 1 yard after Kyle Orton connected with Brandon Lloyd for 71 yards.

Orton then helped the Broncos close the gap with 2:19 to go, passing to Lloyd for 1 yard.

But Matt Prater missed the extra point.

Orton completed 28 of 40 passes for 369 yards. But he also made the only two turnovers of the game, first when Manny Lawson swatted the ball out of his hand in the fourth, setting up Gore's TD run, and then when he threw an interception to Shawntae Spencer in the final minute. □

San Francisco 49ers' Frank Gore, foreground, scores a touchdown during the NFL Football match between the Denver Broncos and San Francisco 49ers at Wembley Stadium in London, Sunday Oct. 31, 2010.

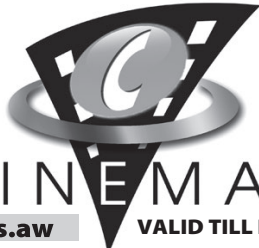
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CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

WEMBLEY, England (AP) — Quarterback Troy Smith found his range in the fourth quarter, leading the San Francisco 49ers to a 24-16 win over the Denver Broncos on Sunday in the NFL's fourth regular-season game at Wembley Stadium.

In his first start as a 49er,



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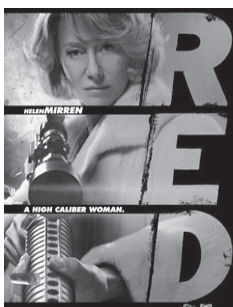
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NFL Roundup

Favre knocked out; Patriots top Vikings 28-18

FOXBOROUGH, Massachusetts (AP) — Tom Brady outscrambled Brett Favre, then kept the ball away from Tarvaris Jackson when Favre was knocked out of the game as the New England Patriots held on to beat the Minnesota Vikings 28-18 on Sunday.

Brady scrambled free to find Brandon Tate breaking free behind the defense for a 65-yard touchdown to give the Patriots the lead in the third quarter. BenJarvus Green-Ellis' first touchdown, a 13-yard run, made it 21-10.

Favre drove Minnesota to the New England 3 yard-line before he was flattened by defensive lineman Myron Pryor. Jackson relieved him and threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to Naufahu Tahi on the first play, then hit Percy Harvin for the 2-point conversion that made it 21-18.

Favre, who started in his 292nd straight game despite two fractures in his left ankle, was carted off the field midway in the fourth quarter with a cut to his chin that he said required eight stitches.

Packers 9, Jets 0

At East Rutherford, New Jersey, Mason Crosby kicked three field goals for Green Bay, and that was all the Packers needed to beat the rested but sloppy Jets. Mark Sanchez and the Jets' offense couldn't get much of anything going as New York, which entered tied for the league's best record, had its five-game winning streak end. The Jets (5-2) were shut out for the first time since a 10-0 loss to Chicago on Nov. 19, 2006, at home.



Green Bay Packers' kicker Mason Crosby (2) kicks a field goal during the fourth quarter of an NFL football game against the New York Jets at New Meadowlands Stadium on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010, in East Rutherford, N.J. The Packers won 9-0.

Chargers 33, Titans 25

At San Diego, Philip Rivers threw a go-ahead, 48-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Gates midway through the third quarter to lead San Diego over Tennessee, which lost quarterback Vince Young to another injury. San Diego (3-5) snapped a three-game losing streak and won its eighth straight game against the Titans dating to 1993.

Buccaneers 38, Cardinals 35

At Glendale, Arizona, Aqib Talib intercepted two passes, returning one 45 yards for a touchdown and saving the game with the other, as Tampa Bay rallied from a fourth-quarter deficit for the

fourth time this season.

The Bucs (5-2) won their fifth straight on the road dating to last season and moved into a tie with idle Atlanta for first in the NFC South.

Raiders 33, Seahawks 3

At Oakland, California, Jason Campbell threw for 310 yards and two touchdowns as Oakland's defense delivered one of its best performance in years to help the Raiders even their record at the midpoint of the season.

Darren McFadden ran for 111 yards as the Raiders (4-4) reached the .500 mark this late in the season for the first time since 2002.

Rams 20, Panthers 10

At St. Louis, Sam Bradford threw two touchdown passes as the St. Louis defense forced four Carolina turnovers.

Bradford threw a 2-yard scoring pass to Danny Amendola in the second quarter and a 23-yard touchdown pass to Daniel Fells in the fourth as the Rams — an NFL-worst 1-15 last season — reached the midway point at 4-4.

Dolphins 22, Bengals 14

At Cincinnati, Dan Carpenter kicked five field goals for the second straight game as the Miami Dolphins made them stand up in keeping its record perfect on the road. Last week, the Dolphins (4-3) lost after a disputed

play. Ben Roethlisberger's touchdown was ruled a fumble on review, but the Steelers kept the ball and kicked a field goal for a 23-22 win, offsetting Carpenter's five field goals.

Jaguars 35, Cowboys 17

At Arlington, Texas, David Garrard and the Jaguars became the latest to take advantage of the crumbling Cowboys.

Garrard tied a club record with four touchdown passes and ran for another while narrowly missing a perfect quarterback rating, leading the Jaguars to a 35-17 victory over Dallas.

Chiefs 13, Bills 10 (OT)

At Kansas City, Missouri, Ryan Succop kicked a 34-yard field goal as time expired in overtime to lift Kansas City over winless Buffalo.

Succop had a chance to win the game with 3:38 to go in OT, but his 39-yard attempt with 3:38 to go hooked left at the last instant.

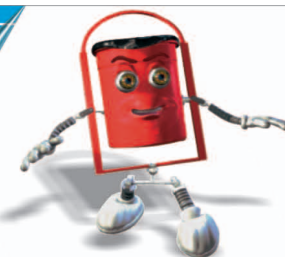
Lions 37, Redskins 25

At Detroit, Matthew Stafford threw four touchdown passes, including a 10-yarder to Calvin Johnson with 3:12 left, and the Lions (2-5) went on to score nine points in a 14-second span for their second win of the season.

The Redskins (4-4) turned the ball over on downs after Johnson's career-high third score. Washington coach Mike Shanahan then put Rex Grossman in for an apparently healthy Donovan McNabb, and he fumbled on his first play with Ndamukong Suh returning it for a TD. □

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Clijsters beats Wozniacki to win WTA Championships



Belgium's Kim Clijsters holds the trophy after she beat Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki during the final match of Qatar WTA Tennis Championship in Doha, Qatar, Sunday Oct. 31, 2010.

A.C. RAYA

Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — U.S. Open champion Kim Clijsters recovered from a second-set slump to beat top-ranked Caroline Wozniacki 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 and win the WTA Championships final Sunday.

The 27-year-old Belgian won the prestigious season-ending tournament for a third time, and maintained her perfect record in finals since coming out of retirement midway through 2009 with her sixth title.

The No. 4-ranked Clijsters appeared to be on her way to an easy win when she took a 4-1 lead in the second set, but she allowed Wozniacki back into the match before regaining control in the deciding third set.

"It was a tough match," Clijsters said. "It is disappointing for Caroline but she has a great future ahead. I'm glad I won and it must be disappointing for Caroline, but I don't know how many more years I'm going to keep doing this."

Clijsters picked up a winner's check for \$1.4 million in her first tournament since winning her third Grand Slam title at Flushing Meadows in September.

For Wozniacki, the result gave more ammunition

to critics who believe the 20-year-old's position as No. 1 is a false one.

The Dane replaced the injured Serena Williams at the top on Oct. 11, and although she has won the most tournaments this year (six), she is still without a Grand Slam title.

She is yet to beat Clijsters, Justine Henin, Venus or Serena Williams, and lost her only Grand Slam final at the U.S. Open in 2009.

"I've had a fantastic year," Wozniacki said on Sunday.

"I won six tournaments. I've beaten so many good players. You know, you cannot win every match. I've made the finals of the Championships, and I lost one match today. You know, I cannot do anything about it now. I will come back in the off season and train, but right now I'm proud of my season."

Clijsters came to her defense, advising Wozniacki not to listen the doubters when she takes to the court in 2011.

"She will win a Grand Slam. She is too good of a player not to," Clijsters said. "She's young. She's No. 1. I mean, you know, she's too good of a player ... She just has to keep working the way that she has been working. She's been doing really good things, and the good things will keep coming then."

Wozniacki's shortcomings were on display Sunday when the 27-year-old Clijsters took a 2-0 lead on her way winning the first set, using a powerful forehand, well-timed backhands and her vast experience to overwhelm Wozniacki. She closed out the set by breaking Wozniacki for the third time. The Belgian mother of one, who won the title in 2002 and 2003, went up 4-1 in the second, feasting on Wozniacki's weak second serve and her inability to hit forehand winners. But Wozniacki fought back to tie the match at 5-5 and broke Clijsters to go up 6-5 on her way to winning the set when Clijsters hit long.

"Yeah, I think I just went behind the baseline a little bit too far. I think I let her dominate the rallies, and that was something I was doing well leading up to that point," Clijsters said of her struggles in the second set.

"I felt that I was cutting the corners, being very aggressive, you know,

making her move from side to side. And then I felt after a couple rallies, yeah, felt my legs just a little bit tired. Then you automatically become a little bit too defensive. I think that's something that I realized, luckily, in time."

Wozniacki came out strong in the third set, forcing No. 4-ranked Clijsters to make four unforced errors to win the first game. But Clijsters didn't panic, settling down to go up 2-1. That prompted Wozniacki's coach, her father Piotr, to come out and give his daughter a court-side pep talk as she rested a bag of ice on her head. It didn't do much good.

Clijsters kept the pressure on, moving Wozniacki around the court and hitting several powerful forehands to go up 5-2. Wozniacki grabbed a game back before Clijsters won it when Wozniacki hit a return into the net.

"In the third set, you know, it was very close," Wozniacki said. "She played really well, especially in the important moments. Definitely, the

experience, you know, mattered a little bit today."

Clijsters' victory in the WTA's most lucrative tournament ends a topsy-turvy week in which she arrived with lingering doubts about her physical fitness. After her second successive U.S. Open victory, she suffered a foot infection which kept her out of action for six weeks.

She didn't show any signs of rust when she swept aside an ailing Jelena Jankovic in her opening match. But fatigue seemed to get the best of Clijsters in her loss to No. 2-ranked Vera Zvonareva Friday, after she had seen off Victoria Azarenka in a three-set match the night before that lasted well past midnight.

Then on Saturday, the car taking Clijsters to the stadium was involved in what she described as a "scary" accident. She was unhurt, while her manager suffered minor cuts, but the Belgian still came out and beat Australian Sam Stosur in her semifinal match. □

Melzer wins 3rd career title at ATP Vienna



Jurgen Melzer of Austria holds up the trophy after he won his final match against Andreas Haider-Maurer of Austria at the BA Tennis Trophy in Vienna, Austria, on Sunday, Oct. 31, 2010.

Associated Press

ERIC WILLEMSSEN

Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — Defending champion Jurgen Melzer rallied to beat fellow Austrian Andreas Haider-Maurer 6-7 (10), 7-6 (4), 6-4 and win his third career title at the Bank Austria Trophy.

The 12th-ranked Melzer, who

is now 3-10 in career finals, narrowly escaped defeat when Haider-Maurer served for the match at 5-4 in the second set. However, the 157th-ranked Haider-Maurer, who had never advanced to the quarterfinals and is the lowest-ranked player to reach an ATP final this season, double-faulted twice and hit two unforced errors to let Melzer back into the match.

"It was very, very close," Melzer said. "I just hoped that Andy would start thinking about winning and would get nervous and that's exactly what happened."

Melzer is the first player to successfully defend the title in Vienna since Ivan Ljubicic in 2005-06. "It's the crown on my great season," said Melzer, who is the only player ranked in the top-15 in both singles and doubles.

In 2010, Melzer reached the semifinals at the French Open, won the Wimbledon doubles title and beat top-ranked

Rafael Nadal for the first time earlier this month.

Haider-Maurer said Melzer deserved to win the final.

"He's among the best players in the world and played fantastic in the third set," said Haider-Maurer, who had pulled out of qualification with a thigh injury before entering the main draw as a replacement for Ernests Gulbis.

As a result of reaching the final, he will enter the top 120 when rankings are updated Monday.

"It's all still a dream to me," the 23-year-old Austrian said. "Obviously my next goal is getting in the top-100. When I keep playing on this level, it should be just a matter of time."

Melzer conceded just two points on serve going into the tiebreaker but still lost the opening set when his forehand was called long despite hawk-eye technology showing the ball hit the baseline. □

Supreme Court to hear violent video game case

By **DERRIK J. LANG**,
AP Entertainment Writer
LONG BEACH, Calif. — Before picking up any Wii games or downloading apps on her iPhone for her two daughters, Lillian Quintero does her homework. She'll first read reviews online and in magazines, then try them out for herself. If she thinks the games are engaging and educational enough, 4-year-old Isabella and 2-year-old Sophia are free to play. "I know there's going to be a point where they get these things on their own," said the 35-year-old mother from Long Beach, Calif. "We're not going to be there to monitor everything. That's why the most important thing is communication, instilling morals and values in them and helping them to understand certain boundaries. There's only so much you can do." Quintero and her husband, Jorge, are some of the parents who support a California law that seeks to ban the sale and rental of violent games to children. The law, which has bounced around the legal system like a game of "Pong" since Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger first signed it in 2005, was declared unconstitutional last year by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. The U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments Tuesday about the federal court's decision to throw out California's ban on violent games, marking the first time a case involving the interactive medium itself

has gone before the Supreme Court. It's another sign that the \$20 billion-a-year industry, long considered to be just child's play, is now all grown up. California's measure would have regulated games more like pornography than movies, prohibiting the sale or rental of games that give players the option of "killing, maiming, dismembering, or sexually assaulting an image of a human being" to anyone under the age of 18. Only retailers would be punished with fines of up to \$1,000 for each infraction. The federal court said the law violated minors' constitutional rights under the First and Fourteenth amendments and the state lacked enough evidence to prove violent games cause physical and psychological harm to minors. Courts in six other states, including Michigan and Illinois, have reached similar conclusions, striking down parallel violent game bans. Under California's law, only adults would be able to purchase games like "Postal 2," the first-person shooter by developer Running With Scissors that features the ability to light unarmed bystanders on fire, and "Grand Theft Auto IV," the popular third-person shoot-'em-up from Rockstar Games that allows gamers to portray carjacking, gun-toting gangsters. The Quinteros, like most supporters, believe the law will protect children from buying such violent titles,

while gamers and free speech advocates think California's ban could lead to strict federal regulation on the content of games and other media. All agree, however, that the graphically rich medium has come a long way from 8-bit tennis matches. The average age of gamers is 34, according to the Entertainment Software Association, and many are paying close attention to the Supreme Court case. The Entertainment Consumers Association, which lobbies on behalf of gamers, is organizing a rally outside the Supreme Court building Tuesday as "a way of sending a strong message and uniting gamers." "It's not so much a video game case as a First Amendment case," said George Rose, chief public policy officer at Activision Blizzard Inc., the Santa Monica, Calif.-based publisher of the popular "Call of Duty" and "Guitar Hero" gaming franchises. The gamemaker filed a friend-of-the-court brief opposing California's ban, which was never enforced. Other allies in the fight include Xbox manufacturer Microsoft Corp., "Star Wars" publisher LucasArts, The Recording Academy, Motion Picture Association of America, as well as the Entertainment Merchants Association and Entertainment Software Association, which sued to block California's ban, calling it "unnecessary, unwarranted and unconstitutional." Opponents of the ban



FILE - In this Oct. 7, 2005 file photo, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signs AB 1179 bill restricting the sale and rental of violent video games to minors as Sacramento Girl Scouts look on in Sacramento, Calif.

have called the measure unnecessary because virtually all major game publishers and retailers employ a universal voluntary rating system, much like movie studios and theaters, that assigns one of eight age-specific ratings to games, then blocks the sale of games that are rated M for "mature" and AO for "adults only" to children. The gaming industry has actually done a better job of preventing minors from buying entertainment not intended for their age group than the music and film industries, according to the

Federal Trade Commission. In a report released last year, the FTC found that 20 percent of minors were able to buy M-rated games, down from 42 percent three years earlier. In contrast, 72 percent of minors were able to buy music CDs with explicit content warnings, 50 percent were sold R-rated and unrated DVDs and 28 percent purchased tickets to R-rated movies. The FTC noted there were gaps in enforcement of age-based sales restrictions, specifically with the use of gift cards in online purchases and unrestricted mobile games. □



India backs off on Blackberry ban threat

By **ERIKA KINETZ**,
AP Business Writer

MUMBAI, India — India has followed the United Arab Emirates in backing off from a threat to ban popular services on Blackberry devices, amid growing global concern over access to encrypted information.

The Ministry of Home Affairs said Friday that Research in Motion Ltd., the Canadian maker of the smart phones, has agreed to an interim arrangement for lawful interception of Blackberry messenger services — an instant messaging application — and pledged to provide a final solution by January.

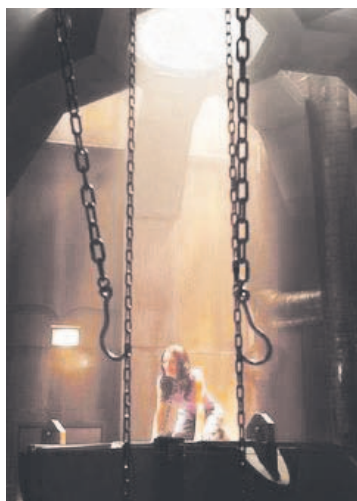
"Accordingly, the ... services will continue to be available," the ministry said in a statement.

Citing national security concerns, India had threatened to ban corporate e-mail and messenger services by August if Research in Motion didn't come up with a way for the government to

monitor them. It then extended the deadline to October. It remains unclear what solution the parties may have reached over encrypted corporate e-mails.

RIM, whose competitive edge rests on ensuring security to its global users, has given no details of the possible concessions that led the UAE and India to back off from their October deadlines for access.

The company said in a statement that it is optimistic about reaching a final solution with Indian regulators. RIM said it had not changed the security architecture for corporate e-mail and that it does not make special deals on access with individual countries. India is now asking all companies that provide encrypted communications — not just RIM — to install servers in the country to make it easier for the government to obtain users' data. That would likely affect Gmail provider Google Inc. and Internet phone company Skype SA. □



In this film publicity image released by Lionsgate Entertainment, Gina Holden is shown in a scene from, 'Saw 3D.'

(AP Photo/Lionsgate

Entertainment, Brooke Palmer) 'Saw 3D' takes top box-office slice with \$24.2M

By DAVID GERMAIN,
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES — Psychokiller Jigsaw has come back to life at the box office. Lionsgate's "Saw 3D," billed as the final installment in the series about Jigsaw's legacy of bloody terror, debuted as the Halloween weekend's No. 1 movie with \$24.2 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

That was \$10 million more than the debut of last year's "Saw VI," the first dud in the annual horror franchise.

"Last year, a lot of people said, 'OK, that's it. Put a fork in it, it's done,'" said David Spitz, head of distribution for Lionsgate.

"The following week, we were all disappointed and thought, what can we do to reinvigorate the franchise? So we shot the movie in 3-D and said this is the final chapter." It paid off, though "Saw 3D" still brought a modest return compared to earlier chapters in the "Saw" series, whose second, third, fourth and fifth movies all topped \$30 million over opening weekend.

"Saw 3D" also had a soft debut compared to the previous weekend's No. 1 movie, Paramount's "Paranormal Activity 2," a newer fright franchise that opened with \$40.7 million. □

Paul Reubens' Pee-wee is enjoying his second act

NEW YORK — The red bow tie is back. The white chunky loafers are, too. So is that too-tight gray suit.

The Secret Word today is: Comeback. Pee-wee has returned from exile.

Paul Reubens, who virtually abandoned the cult character he created nearly two decades ago following scandal, is making his Broadway debut with a reworking of the same theatrical show that started Pee-wee's career in the late 1980s.

"I think it's full circle. I view it even a little fuller, I guess. I feel that it's full circle in that I can come back around to a really good place where I was. As opposed to having my career end on this really sour note," says Reubens during an interview before a recent rehearsal. "I absolutely feel

like I want to redeem myself to a degree and this seemed like a really pure way to do it." Reubens, now 58, has been soaking up the attention this time around. He has donned his Pee-wee suit and popped up all over New York to drum up attention for "The Pee-wee Herman Show," which officially opens Nov. 11. Everywhere he goes, people say: "Welcome back!" and "Glad you're back."

"I really just never got any of this the first time around," he says, getting a little teary. "I feel really lucky and really blessed right now. I just feel like it's my time right now. The stars are aligning for me." Reubens, who is as quiet and thoughtful in real life as Pee-wee is zany and high-pitched, is still slim and boyish. He's dressed for California on this



In this Friday, Oct. 29, 2010 photo, Paul Reubens, in character as Pee-wee Herman, poses on stage after a performance of 'The Pee-wee Herman Show' on Broadway in New York.

(AP Photo/Charles Sykes)

chilly New York day — jacketless in jeans, a plaid shirt and a clunky digital watch. He's pressed for time — so much of it has been lost.

"I wasn't feeling it for a long time. And then all of a sudden it became a long time. All of a sudden I was like, 'Wow. How do you come back now out of this?' And you know what the answer was? You just do it," he says. "I didn't feel like I needed anyone's permission to come back. And what do I have to lose? Nothing really." Much of Pee-wee's exile has been self-imposed since Reubens' July 1991 arrest for indecent exposure in an adult-movie house in Sarasota, Fla. He was handed a small fine but the damage to the character was incalculable.

"When I was arrested in 1991, offers poured in," he says. "All kinds. I mean, some of those offers weren't things that I wanted to do and were taking advantage of the luridness of my situation, but I haven't really had trouble working or existing or having a career. It just changed. Everything changed."

For a performer who had spent a long time and a lot of energy trying to make people think Pee-wee was real, Reubens watched as the public unmasking (he also pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor obscenity charge in 2004) put a cloud over his best-known

alter ego.

"It was one thing to say, 'Paul Reubens, he's this or that.' Or yuck or ick or whatever you wanted to say. But to move that into this work that I loved and that I thought was special, and that I thought was important — that was extreme to me. That was something that the second it happened, I went, 'Wow, that is so sad.' And I can't do anything about it."

Reubens continued to act, playing characters other than Pee-wee and scoring successes in "Batman Returns" in 1992 and a 1995 Emmy nomination for a recurring guest role on "Murphy Brown." He has also been on "30 Rock" and had prominent roles in the films "Nailed" and "Life During Wartime."

In the years since the arrest, some could argue that Reubens got a raw deal, at least in comparison to other public figures who have almost instantly jumped back from controversy. Former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer, brought down in a prostitution scandal in 2008, is on CNN. Don Imus, accused of racism in 2007, was back on the radio within a few months. Reubens' crime hurt no one but himself.

"I've become wise and mature. Not Pee-wee, but me. I'm absolutely a different person," he says. □

Filmmaker George Hickenlooper dies in Denver

By P. SOLOMON BANDA,
Associated Press

DENVER — George Hickenlooper, who won an Emmy Award in 1992 for directing "Hearts of Darkness: A Filmmaker's Apocalypse," has died. He was 47.

In a statement Saturday, Denver mayor and Colorado Democratic gubernatorial candidate John Hickenlooper says his cousin died of apparent natural causes. Police say he was found dead Saturday morning.

Los Angeles-based George Hickenlooper was in Denver for the premiere of his latest film, "Casino Jack," starring Kevin Spacey.

Other films directed by Hickenlooper include "Factory Girl," "Mayor of the Sunset Strip" and last year's documentary, "Hick Town," based on footage shot while he followed his cousin around during the 2008 Democratic National Convention.

"Hearts of Darkness" was a well-received documentary about the making of the film "Apocalypse Now." □

'Sopranos' actress Denise Borino-Quinn dies at 46

ROSELAND, N.J. — Denise Borino-Quinn, who unexpectedly won a role as a mafia wife on "The Sopranos" after she attended an open casting call, has died. She was 46.

The Farmer Funeral Home in Roseland, N.J., said Borino-Quinn died Wednesday after a long battle with liver cancer. Her husband, Luke Quinn Jr., had died in March.

A Roseland native who lived in Bordentown, Borino-Quinn had no acting experience when she was hired in 2000 to play Ginny Sacrimoni, the mafia wife with a weight problem. The character quickly became popular with fans and was featured in an October 2002 episode.

Borino-Quinn had attended the casting call mostly to support a childhood friend and was shocked when she was hired for the HBO show.

When she wasn't acting, Borino-Quinn worked at a New Brunswick law firm. □



Stocks' week of reckoning arrives



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, October 14, 2010.

By Edward Krudy

NEW YORK – The wait is almost over.

After a two-month rally in the stock market, some investors are about to see if they get what they wished for: more Republicans in Congress and lots of cheap money.

The U.S. stock market has priced in the Republicans gaining ground in Tuesday's midterm elections, an outcome widely seen as more business-friendly, as well as the Federal Reserve pumping billions into the economy through Treasury debt purchases. The Fed's

statement on Wednesday afternoon at the end of its two-day policy meeting is widely anticipated for details of the central bank's economic stimulus plan.

Jobs will be a touchstone, with the high U.S. unemployment rate figuring into the campaign rhetoric of Democrats and Republicans alike in the midterm elections. The federal government's non-farm payrolls report, due on Friday, is expected to show a gain of 60,000 jobs in October, compared with September's loss of 95,000

jobs, according to economists polled by Reuters. The U.S. unemployment rate, however, is seen holding steady at 9.6 percent.

More earnings from S&P 500 companies and a steady stream of top-tier economic indicators will give investors more evidence of the economy's health throughout the week.

A series of foreign central bank meetings also is on tap. But these numbers will serve mostly as backdrop to the outcome of the elections and the Fed meeting.

With so many variables in the week ahead, Wall Street professionals are unusually reticent to call the market. Only one thing seems for sure: Volatility will play a major role.

Traders expect the week to end with a swing of around 2.5 percent in either direction, based on options activity in the SPDR S&P 500 fund (SPY.P). While that is not out of the ordinary, traders could see significant volatility during the week as events unfold.

"It will probably be a very

volatile and very active market because there are a lot of moving parts," said John Praveen, chief investment strategist of Prudential International Investments Advisers LLC in Newark, New Jersey.

FIREWORKS AFTER THE FED?

If there are fireworks, they will probably come after the Fed's two-day meeting. On Wednesday, the meeting will conclude with a statement at 2:15 p.m. EDT. That could create a dead period for markets at the start of the week, especially if the elections' results are in line with predictions.

Expectations of the size of the Fed's purchases of U.S. government bonds have been coming down in recent days. That has kept the stock market locked in a tight range, but it has also opened the door for upside surprises.

"Two weeks ago, the Fed was definitely poised to disappoint the market," said Burt White, managing director and chief investment officer of LPL

Financial in Boston. "Now, it's much more balanced, and maybe even leaning toward a slight surprise."

Most leading economists expect the Fed to buy between \$80 billion and \$100 billion worth of assets per month, according to a recent Reuters poll of primary U.S. Treasury dealers. Estimates for how much the Fed will eventually spend varied widely, from \$250 billion to as high as \$2 trillion.

The Bank of Japan has moved its policy meeting forward to the end of the week, right after the Fed's meeting. Investors suspect the Japanese central bank -- whose board members will meet on Thursday and Friday -- may respond by stepping up its bond purchases in reaction to the Fed.

The Bank of England and the European Central Bank are also set to hold policy meetings during the week.

Among the readings on the U.S. economy expected during the week, Wall Street will watch two reports from the Institute for Supply Management. □

WTO chief says 'worried' by currency interventions

BERLIN – The head of the World Trade Organisation on Sunday expressed his concern over unilateral interventions on currency markets, amid tensions between China and the United States over a so-called currency war.

Asked about the dangers of such a currency war, Pascal Lamy told German weekly *Welt am Sonntag*: "I would not talk of a currency war, but of tensions or frictions. The uncoordinated interventions on currency markets worries me."

Lamy added: "No one would doubt that the yuan is undervalued. But it is not clear whether a higher yuan rate would automatically produce more jobs in the United States."

Washington says Beijing is deliberately keeping the yuan undervalued to boost its exports at America's expense.

And last month, Japan intervened in the international currency market for the first time in six years in a bid to halt a dramatic surge in the value of the yen.

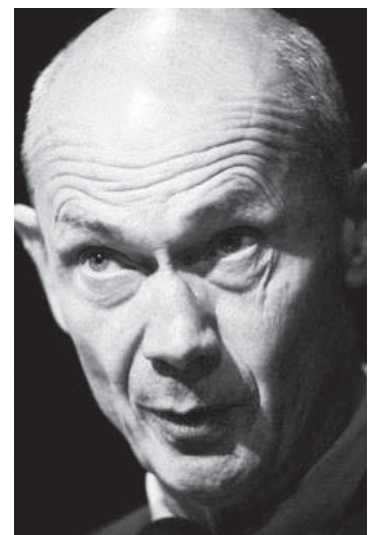
On Thursday, the International Monetary Fund said the dollar was overvalued on currency markets, while the euro, yen and pound were each in line with fundamentals and the yuan was undervalued.

Meanwhile, some other emerging economies, notably South Africa and countries in Latin America, have allowed their currencies to appreciate

"substantially," the Washington-based organisation said.

European Union leaders have urged the G20 of major and emerging powers meeting in South Korea next month to "avoid engaging in exchange rate moves aimed at gaining short-term competitive advantage."

The so-called currency war has sparked fears of a return to the 'beggar-thy-neighbour' policies at the heart of the 1930s Great Depression. Lamy said: "We are all afraid of that." Nevertheless, he added: "Two years ago, after the Lehman Brothers crash, almost everyone thought this type of protectionism would occur again. Until now, despite the huge shock, this has not happened." □



World Trade Organisation chief Pascal Lamy, pictured, has expressed his concern over unilateral interventions on currency markets, amid tensions between China and the United States over a so-called currency war.



FILE - In this May 28, 1999 file photo, a new birth control pill container designed to look like a woman's makeup compact for Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical Inc., of Raritan, N.J., is displayed at the manufacturer's assembly line. Fifty years after the pill, another birth control revolution may be on the horizon: free contraception for women in the U.S., thanks to the new health care law.

By **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**,
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WASHINGTON — Fifty years after the pill, another birth control revolution may be on the horizon: free contraception for women in the U.S., thanks to the new health care law.

(AP Photo/Mike Derer, File)

That could start a shift toward more reliable — and expensive — forms of birth control that are gaining acceptance in other developed countries. But first, look for a fight over social mores. A panel of experts advising the government meets

Contraception could be free under health care law

in November to begin considering what kind of preventive care for women should be covered at no cost to the patient, as required under President Barack Obama's overhaul.

Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., author of the women's health amendment, says the clear intent was to include family planning.

But is birth control preventive medicine?

Conflicting answers frame what could be the next clash over moral values and a health law that passed only after a difficult compromise restricting the use of public money for abortions.

For many medical and public health experts, there's no debate. "There is clear and incontrovertible evidence that family planning saves lives and improves health," said obstetrician-gynecologist Dr. David Grimes, an international family planning expert who teaches medicine at the University of North Carolina. "Contraception

rivals immunization in dollars saved for every dollar invested. Spacing out children allows for optimal pregnancies and optimal child rearing. Contraception is a prototype of preventive medicine."

But U.S. Catholic bishops say pregnancy is a healthy condition, not an illness.

In comments filed with the Department of Health and Human Services, the bishops say they oppose any requirement to cover contraceptives or sterilization as preventive care. "We don't consider it to be health care, but a lifestyle choice," said John Haas, president of the National Catholic Bioethics Center, a Philadelphia think tank whose work reflects church teachings. "We think there are other ways to avoid having children than by ingesting chemicals paid for by health insurance."

So far, most other religious conservatives have stayed out of the debate, though that could change. Some say they are concerned about any requirement that might include the morning-after pill. The Food and Drug Administration classifies it as birth control; some religious conservatives see it as an abortion drug.

Jeanne Monahan, a health policy expert at the conservative Family Research Council, said her group would oppose any mandate that lacks a conscience exemption for moral and religious reasons. She said there's "great suspicion" that a major abortion provider, Planned Parenthood, is leading the push for free birth control.

As recently as the 1990s, many health insurance plans

didn't even cover birth control. Protests, court cases, and new state laws led to dramatic changes. Today, almost all plans now cover prescription contraceptives. So does Medicaid, the health care program for low-income people.

The use of birth control is "virtually universal" in the U.S., according to a government report this summer from the National Center for Health Statistics. Nearly 93 million prescriptions for contraceptives were dispensed in 2009, according to IMS Health, a market analysis firm. Generic versions of the pill are available at Walmart stores, for example, for \$9 a month. Still, about half of all pregnancies are unplanned, and many occur among women using some form of contraception. The government says the problem is rarely the birth control method, but "inconsistent or incorrect use," such as forgetting to take a pill.

Advocates say free birth control would begin to address the problem.

"We can look at other countries where birth control is available for no cost, and what we see are lower pregnancy rates, lower abortion rates and lower teen pregnancy," said Cecile Richards, president of Planned Parenthood. □

Chronic Constipation Appears to Be Increasing Among Kids

An increasing number of American children require treatment for serious and chronic bouts of constipation, according to experts. Lack of physical activity, low-fiber diets and insufficient consumption of water may be contributing to the problem, they suggest. Gastroenterologists at Johns Hopkins Children's Center reported seeing a 30 percent rise in the number of such cases between 2008 and 2009. The center has opened a new clinic to provide medical and behavioral therapy for children with the condition. It's not clear whether the increase in

children requiring treatment is due to an actual rise in the number of severe cases of constipation or whether it's the result of delayed diagnosis, insufficient treatment, and referral at more advanced stages, said Dr. Maria Oliva-Hemker, director of pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition at Hopkins Children's. Constipation is easy to miss in young children and its severity is often overlooked, resulting in delayed treatment and worsening symptoms, she explained. "Severe constipation needs to be treated early and aggressively. And no amount of fiber or prune juice

will help a child with serious chronic constipation," Oliva-Hemker said in a Hopkins news release. Parents should take their child to the doctor if they notice symptoms such as: abdominal bloating and a feeling of fullness; straining with bowel movements; lumpy or hard stools and/or small pellet-like stools, accompanied by a feeling of incomplete emptying of the bowels.

Children with serious constipation may also refuse to go to the toilet, hide to go in a private place, or experience underwear soiling and bedwetting. □

After Election, Obama to Flee US

David Paul Kuhn

Barack Obama is fleeing the United States after the Republican landslide. But hold the excitement conservatives. It's only temporary.

Winners might go to Disneyland. But defeated presidents seemingly favor Asia.

Bill Clinton fled to Asia not long after Democrats suffered their historic blowout in 1994. George W. Bush was Asia bound following his famous declaration of the GOP's "thumpin'" in the 2006 midterm election. Now Obama shall do the same. And in record time.

A mere three days after Tuesday's election, President Obama leaves for a 10-day sojourn abroad. Obama's taking more time away than Clinton or Bush. But Obama will likely have more to recover from. Tuesday's election could be the largest landslide since FDR's day.

White Houses dependably claim these trips are coincidence. It's pro forma spin. Administrations cite this occasion or that summit. More though is always at play.

In March, amid the brutal healthcare fight, Obama postponed his Asia trip until June. Obama postponed it yet again in June. It was the BP oil spill then. The president cannot be abroad when his signature legislation is on the line. Nor when there is a crisis at home. It's poor political theatre. But the long-foreseen wave comes next week. The president's party is to be swept. No president wishes to prolong that narrative.

Yet will Obama first recognize the event? Both Bush and Clinton stood before reporters the day after. They took the hard questions.

This is when all presidencies want to change the subject. Modern presidents tend to escape overseas. There was Richard Nixon in Egypt in 1974 during Watergate. There was Bill Clinton in Africa for 10-days as the Monica Lewinsky scandal languished on. There was George W. Bush in Africa and the Middle East in the last year of his presidency, with his approval rating in Nixonian territory.

Obama is escaping in haste. Bush fled to Asia more than a week after the 2006 storm. Clinton left six days after. Obama's cutting Clinton's time in half. It will be Obama's longest tour overseas this year.

Midterms inevitably concern presidents. A clear majority of Americans say their vote for Congress will be "for" or "against" Obama, according to Pew Research Center polling. That's equal to Bush in 2006 but larger than it was for Clinton in 1994 or Ronald Reagan in 1982.

Reagan did not leave town. His midterm losses were small compared to what we expect Tuesday. Reagan also spoke to reporters. He wrote in his diary later that day: "Did a press

conference in Rose Garden re the election returns. I'm sure they were sorry I was so happy."

There is an odd ritual to electoral disasters. The press pushes for the president to take responsibility. There will be calls for heads. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld stepped down only one day after the midterm elections. Bill Clinton wavered for two months before declaring the "era of big government is over."

It would be stunning if Obama does not face the inquisition. It's inside baseball. It's also, however, what's done. The gravity of moment calls for sincere comment. It would look worse to cower from the spotlight and split town.

Contrition is the hard part. Escaping overseas is psychic relief. Presidents savor their time abroad. It makes them feel presidential. And images come home of them looking presidential. When presidents are smallest, diplomacy enlarges (with notable exceptions, see Kennedy-Khrushchev).

Bill Clinton was popular in Europe even when not stateside. Tony Blair was popular stateside even when

not in England. Foreigners do not to see the warts from afar. Indonesia will offer Obama that relief above all others. There he is a rock star. He lived in Indonesia for four years as a boy. The trip will also include an extended stay in India. The more necessary stops come about a week after the election. It's the G-20 summit in South Korea. Then Japan, for the Asia-Pacific Economic Council summit. These are occasions presidents attend. Certainly Obama wanted to get an early start. It's a working vacation. But compared to the political reality about to hit this president, it's still a vacation.

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New dioxin rules might force more cleanups



This photo taken on April 25, 2010 shows a sign posted along the Tittabawassee River near Midland, Mich. warning anglers to limit fish consumption because of dioxin contamination.

(AP Photo/John Flesher)

By JOHN FLESHER,
AP Environmental Writer

MIDLAND, Mich. — The government has spent many millions of dollars in recent decades cleaning up sites contaminated with dioxin and, in extreme cases, relocating residents of entire neighborhoods tainted by the toxin.

But tough new pollution standards proposed by the Obama administration could require additional dioxin cleanups at scores of abandoned factories, military bases, landfills and other locations declared safe years ago, officials say.

If the guidelines receive final approval, federal and state officials will examine sites with known dioxin contamination to identify those needing work and what the work will cost. Among

those expected to be reviewed are notorious places such as the former village of Times Beach, Mo., where about 2,000 people were relocated in the 1980s after dioxin-laced waste oil was sprayed on roads to control dust.

The Environmental Protection Agency plan has escalated a decades-long debate over the danger of dioxin, a family of chemical byproducts from industries such as pesticide and herbicide production, waste incineration and smelting. One form of dioxin was in Agent Orange, the defoliant used by U.S. forces during the Vietnam War.

The EPA is expected to make a final decision this fall on the new standards. But congressional critics and chemical companies say the agency is acting hastily and should wait until it completes

a reassessment of dioxin's health effects in the coming months.

"They're proposing these sweeping changes to regulations without giving us an idea of how many sites will be affected, how many homes will be affected, what the economic impact would be," said Rep. Dave Camp, a Republican whose Michigan district includes a 50-mile-long watershed polluted with dioxin from a Dow Chemical Co. plant.

EPA officials say they want to move ahead because they are convinced dioxin is hazardous at lower concentrations than previously thought. If necessary, they say, the standards can be adjusted later.

"We're driven by the need to protect against excessive risk of both cancer and non-cancer health concerns," said Mathy Stanislaus, EPA assistant administrator for solid waste and emergency response. "We believe (the current standards) are not sufficiently protective and more stringent numbers are needed."

The Associated Press obtained an EPA list of 92 current and former Superfund locations where records show that dioxin is among the soil contaminants, making them candidates for a review under the new standards.

The sites include Cherry Point Marine Air Station in North Carolina, Camp Pendleton Marine Base in California

and the former Rocky Flats nuclear weapons plant in Colorado.

Also listed is an abandoned wood treatment plant in Pensacola, Fla., where more than 350 households had to be relocated in the 1990s.

The notorious Love Canal neighborhood of Niagara Falls, N.Y., where hundreds of families were uprooted, also may rate another look although it was declared clean in 2004 after dioxin and other chemicals were removed or covered, the EPA says.

The EPA also estimates that up to 150 hazardous waste sites not on the Superfund list may have dioxin contamination and will need reviewing.

Since 1998, the agency has regarded dioxin soil concentrations of less than 1,000 parts per trillion (ppt) as safe for residential areas. For commercial and industrial zones, 5,000 ppt to 20,000 ppt has been considered safe.

The proposed revisions would drop the safe levels to a fraction as much — 72 ppt for residential areas and 950 ppt for commercial and industrial sites.

Cleanups could be ordered anywhere dioxin readings exceed those thresholds, including sites where previous cleanups used less stringent standards.

The 1,000 ppt standard was used for Times Beach's \$120 million cleanup completed in 1997 after 265,000 tons

of dioxin-contaminated materials were incinerated. Two years later, the abandoned town was converted into a state park.

Marilyn Leistner, the last mayor of Times Beach, said she always suspected the job was inadequate and crews would be back one day.

"My attitude is, 'I told you so. You should have done it in the first place,'" Leistner said.

David Fischer, an attorney with the American Chemistry Council, said: "It could mean a great deal of cost and disruption to communities and municipalities who thought their issues had been resolved. And there will be little if any public health benefit."

EPA officials say the standards are guidelines, not hard-and-fast targets that must be reached at every site. For example, regulators may decide that higher dioxin levels are acceptable when there is little chance of human contact.

The World Health Organization says significant exposure to dioxin, which is present to widely varying degrees in soils, river sediments and some foods, can damage human reproductive and immune systems.

The WHO's cancer research arm, part of the National Institutes of Health and the EPA all have designated the most potent form of dioxin as a human carcinogen.

But the National Research Council recommended in 2006 that EPA conduct more research, noting that the agency's conclusion had relied on occupational and animal studies where doses are higher than those to which people typically would be exposed.

EPA's upcoming health risk assessment is expected to revisit the cancer issue.

The debate is playing out along the Tittabawassee and Saginaw rivers in Michigan, where sediments and floodplains were polluted last century with dioxin from a Dow plant in Midland.

The company acknowledges responsibility but has argued with regulators over what cleanup is necessary. □

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BRASILIA (Reuters) - La candidata oficialista de izquierda Dilma Rousseff se encaminaba el domingo a convertirse en la primera presidenta de Brasil, después de haber prometido mantener al país en el camino de la prosperidad económica que sacó a millones de brasileños de la pobreza.

El tribunal electoral mostraba que la oficialista Rousseff lideraba el conteo con 54,67 por ciento de los votos mientras su rival, José Serra, del opositor Partido de la Social Democracia Brasileña (PSDB), obtenía un 45,33 por ciento, con más del 85 por ciento de las sufragios escrutados.

Desde la moderna capital, Brasilia, hasta las favelas de Río de Janeiro, los votantes repitieron lo que ha sido el tema que definió la campaña: la esperanza de que Rousseff, de 62 años y del Partido de los



La candidata presidencial de Brasil, Dilma Rousseff, junto al candidato a la vicepresidencia, Michel Temer, en un acto de campaña. Oct 11 2010 'No hay dudas' que la candidata oficialista a la presidencia de Brasil Dilma Rousseff ganó la segunda vuelta electoral el domingo, dijo a la prensa su compañero de fórmula, Michel Temer. REUTERS/Ueslei Marcelino/ARCHIVO

Trabajadores (PT), continúe con los programas sociales y las políticas económicas del popular presidente Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva.

"El país nunca ha estado tan bien como ahora", dijo Milton Carneiro, un ingeniero que votó por Rousseff en un colegio en Brasilia. "Espero que las cosas continúen de este modo", agregó.

Rousseff ha mostrado poco apetito por grandes reformas económicas y se espera que mantenga en líneas generales las políticas de Lula, concentrándose en mejorar la eficiencia del Gobierno, reducir la burocracia y expandir el rol del Estado en algunas áreas estratégicas.

Serra seguiría una senda similar, pero probablemente sería preferido por inversores por su postura fiscal más estricta y por su mayor aceptación del sector privado. □

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